



**Protect Girls' Sports Act
(Bill S.6259-Borrello/A.6124-Goodell)**
Memorandum of Support

The Protect Girls' Sports Act (Bill S.6259-Borrello/A.6124-Goodell) would limit participation in interscholastic girls' sports in grades seven through 12 to biological females. This bill would prevent unfairness toward girls and promote integrity in sports.

In recent years, some biological males who self-identify as "transgender" have been allowed to compete in girls' sports. This phenomenon is problematic on multiple levels. First, as noted in the sponsors' memorandum, adolescent and post-adolescent males have an advantage over adolescent and post-adolescent females in most sports because of their greater size, speed, and strength. Allowing males to participate in girls' sports unfairly deprives girls of victories and scholarships to which they would otherwise be entitled.

In addition, allowing males who self-identify as "transgender" to classify themselves as girls is insincere. "Transgenderism" is the belief that "every person has a 'gender identity' (an inner sense of being male, female, something else, or in between) distinct from his or her sex and that, when the two conflict, gender identity should take precedence."¹ Persons who believe themselves to be "transgender" should be treated with compassion, and such persons are entitled to equal protection under the law. However, they are not entitled to impose their belief system upon others—especially given that their beliefs are plainly in conflict with observable scientific facts.

According to the Associated Press, at least 16 states have passed laws protecting girls' sports against participation by male athletes.² The state of New York should join them.

¹ Kearns, Madeleine. "Gender Expectations: Trans identity in teens considered as a social contagion." *National Review*, vol. LXXV, no. 3, February 20, 2023, pp. 21-23.

² See <https://apnews.com/article/trans-athletes-sports-ban-2f6cf412d306e73e68efa2377fb5081a>, last accessed May 16, 2023.