Dear Representative **[NAME or leave blank if mass sending]**

I’m writing to you in your capacity as a member of the House Committee on Education to urge you not to pass HF 184. This bill would bar transgender youth from participating in athletics and would harm all athletes, whether or not they are transgender. School sports must serve as a place for young people to grow and play, rather than a mechanism of control over their bodies.

**[WHY DO YOU CARE ABOUT THIS PERSONALLY? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THEM TO KNOW?]**

School sports provide invaluable opportunities for people of all ages to engage in social and physical development, and this bill would restrict transgender youth from accessing these opportunities, isolating them from their peers and the wider community. Additionally, this bill relies on invasive procedures to “establish the student’s biological sex,” perpetuating the harmful myth that there are clearly defined qualities that all people of a particular sex or gender possess.

This bill goes against best practices recommended by the Iowa High School Athletic Association & the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union, and organizations such as National Women's Law Center and Women’s Sports Foundation have opposed this so-called “Save Women’s Sports Act.” In order to actually strengthen women’s sports, we must ensure that trans women and girls can freely participate on teams that align with their gender identity.

As ACLU Attorney Chase Strangio said, this bill is “an assault on the basic dignity and humanity of transgender people and a threat to the privacy and equality of all students.” I am calling on you to do everything in your power to block the passage of this exclusionary bill, and to make Iowa’s schools a safe and enriching place for transgender students.

Sincerely,

[**NAME TOWN AND ZIPCODE]**