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Dear Member of Congress,

On behalf of the National Queer API Alliance (NQAPIA), the country's leading organization serving LGBTQ+ Asians and Pacific Islanders, and our undersigned partners, we write to express our unconditional opposition to H.R. 734 and to reaffirm our support for the **full inclusion of transgender, nonbinary, and intersex youth in sports, schools, and everywhere else in our society.**

H.R.734, the so-called Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023, is not only disingenuous, from its name on down, it is dangerous in intent, precedent, and messaging. While it purports to protect women and girls and promote fairness in sports, its explicit intention is the opposite, to divide and harm women, girls, and all youth, and enshrine discrimination into federal law. It does so by further harming some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our society- transgender, nonbinary, and intersex children- by no mere coincidence. As we have seen in more than 30 states and some 500 bills in 2023 alone, H.R.734 is just an opening salvo in what its sponsors intend to be a federal assault on the very existence of trans, nonbinary, and intersex people, first in classrooms, sports, and doctors offices, then every other space in American life.

Asians and Pacific Islanders are targets of both the state-level campaigns against trans, nonbinary, and intersex youth AND the avalanche of misinformation and disinformation that they generate. We are also disproportionately impacted as our communities are growing fastest in the parts of the country where these efforts have found the most traction and success.

We ask that you send a firm message that not only do trans, nonbinary, and intersex youth belong in sports and schools, but that they must be welcomed, affirmed, and treated with dignity, respect, and fairness. And that this campaign to utilize the powers of the federal government to harm its most vulnerable people, goes no further.

Sincerely,

NQAPIA, *joined by*

API Equality-LA
API Rainbow Parents of PFLAG NYC

Asian and Pacific Islander Queers United for Action (AQUA)
The Blasian March
Caribbean Equality Project
DeQH (The Desi LGBTQ+ Helpline)
Desi Rainbow Parents & Allies
The Houston Intersex Society
i2i (Invisible to Invincible) Chicago
Korean American Rainbow Parents (KARP)
KQT DC
Lavender Phoenix
Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity (MASGD)
Okaeri: A Nikkei LGBTQ+ Community
ParivarBayArea
PFLAG San Gabriel Valley Asian Pacific Islander
PrideFull
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Queer Asian Social Club
San Diego Queer Asian Pacific Islander Middle Eastern Desi American Coalition (QAPIMEDA)
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