

April 14, 2023

Member of Congress U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

PFLAG is the nation's largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them. Since our founding in 1973, we have been the connection for LGBTQ+ people with community, parents with resources, and allies with tools, bolstering the LGBTQ+ movement with strength, power, and love.

PFLAG families, members, and supporters in every District across the country urge Congress and others to support inclusion of transgender, nonbinary and intersex youth in sports. We strongly oppose isolating, and excluding youth from participation, and violating privacy and protection in order to combat discrimination granted in Title IX, which by law promises not to discriminate on the basis of sex.

In furtherance of the above, —and in pursuit of protecting trans, nonbinary, and intersex youth athletes who participate in sports with their cisgender peers—**PFLAG National opposes H.R. 734**, the so-called Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023, and rejects its targeted attacks which not only harms transgender, nonbinary, and intersex youth and their families but also harms girls' and women's sports as a whole.

When more than 20 states have or seek laws to restrict trans, nonbinary and intersex students from participating with their peers in sports, families everywhere must be able to rely on our federal government to seek fair inclusion and equal access in all areas of public education, including sports.

Our families across the nation are relying on you to do what this bill states in name but defies in content: Protect women and girls in sports by including—not excluding— trans, nonbinary and intersex youth participation in sports.

If you or your staff have any questions or wish to speak to your constituents who are part of PFLAG and can speak to the negative impact and harm that passage of this bill would have and inflict, please contact our Director of Policy Diego M. Sanchez, APR at <u>dsanchez@pflag.org</u> or 202.657.6997.

PFLAG's network of hundreds of chapters and hundreds of thousands of members from coast to coast are working to create an equitable, inclusive world where every LGBTQ+ person is safe, celebrated, empowered, and loved. We are all counting on you to do the proper and honorable act of **voting "No" on H.R. 734** when it comes to the House Floor for a vote.

Sincerely,

Brian K. Bond

Executive Director

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