Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Governor Tim Walz
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Dear Governor Walz,

We are disappointed to see that your administration has not taken any action to change Minnesota's policies that allow biological boys to compete in girls' athletics in schools at the request of the Trump administration. We urge you to comply with Title IX, protect our high school girls, and stop risking Minnesota's federal funding.

The Minnesota State High School League's (MSHSL) policy "allows participation for all students consistent with their gender identity or expressions" for participation in athletics.[1] The MSHSL is not putting Minnesota's female high school athletes first. High school boys have a clear biological advantage over high school girls, which, while competing, jeopardizes their potential scholarship opportunities, puts their physical safety at risk, and robs them of becoming a champion of their sport, as seen in the Minnesota Class AAAA softball state championship in June 2025.[2]

As you are more than aware, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) found the MSHSL and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) in violation of Title IX due to their unjust transgender sports policies that allow males to compete in female sports. If this is not changed, this could jeopardize Minnesota's federal funding. This announcement follows President Trump's Executive Order 14201, "Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports," and the ED and HSS citing that they are investigating the state for its policies surrounding transgender athletes.

Your policy decision is under scrutiny from leaders in Minnesota as well. Minnesota State Representatives have written a letter to the MDE and MSHSL urging them to reverse their transgender sports policies.[3] The same sentiment was shared by over 325 school board members across 125 districts in a similar letter.[4] Your policy is becoming more and more unpopular among Minnesotans every day.

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[1] www.MSHSL.org. (2025). 2025-2026 MSHSL OFFICIAL HANDBOOK (p. 61). https://www.mshsl.org/sites/default/files/2025-07/mshsl-handbook-300-series.pdf

[2] Thompson, H. (2025, August 20). Minnesota transgender softball player lawsuit argued in court. *FOX 9 Minneapolis-St. Paul*. https://www.fox9.com/news/minnesota-transgender-softball-player-lawsuit-court-arguments

[3] HouseRAdmin. (2025, October 9). *House Republicans Support Local School Boards Calling for State Compliance with Federal Title IX Requirements - Minnesota House Republicans*. Minnesota House Republicans. https://mnhouserepublicans.com/house-republicans-support-titleix/

[4] Title IX Protects Minnesota Students | MySite. (n.d.). Mysite. https://www.titleixmn.com/

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It is unfair to our female student athletes that they are falling victim to the state's gender ideology priorities. We were disappointed to see that your office initially would not offer a "substantive response" to the Trump administration due to the federal government shutdown. Now that the federal government is open, we urge you to provide a "substantive response" to the Trump administration and reverse your policies that allow biological boys to compete in girls' high school athletics. We urge you to comply with Title IX, stop gambling with the state's federal funding, and protect high school girls' athletics.

Sincerely,

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