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Rep. Nancy Barto Introduces “Save Women’s Sports Act”; Ensures Level Playing Field for Student Athletes

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Nancy Barto (R-15) today introduced the “Save Women’s Sports Act,” legislation that would protect female student athletes from being forced to compete against biological males. [HB 2706](#), states that school-sponsored athletic teams or sports designated for females may not be open to male students.

“Whether someone is a sports fans or not, most view this as a matter of basic fairness,” said Representative Barto. **“Female student athletes should not be forced to compete in a sport against biological males, who possess inherent physiological advantages. When this is allowed, it discourages female participation in athletics and, worse, it can result in women and girls being denied crucial educational and financial opportunities.”**

HB 2706 follows similar legislation being considered in states around the country to protect female athletes from being forced to compete against biological males, including Idaho, New Hampshire, Washington, Tennessee, Georgia, and Missouri.

“This is a commonsense protection for women and girls who have worked hard to develop their athletic talent in the pursuit of success and achievement in a sport,” said Representative Barto. **“The bill ensures a level playing field for all students who play sports.”**

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