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I am in Support of this Bill. This Legislation is setting clear Definitions and great Public Boundaries by protecting ALL Children and Families. This Bill Protects Children in Public Institutions and Correction Facilities, In Schools, Sports Teams, Restrooms, Lock-Rooms, Showers and all School Activities.



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We strongly support House Bill 2536 because it establishes clear definitions of male and female based on biology and ensures that public facilities—especially in schools—provide private, safe spaces for everyone. This legislation is not about discrimination but about recognizing the real concerns of parents, students, and women across our state who want assurance that restrooms, locker rooms, and sleeping quarters will remain safe and private. By clarifying these definitions and setting guidelines for public accommodations, the bill upholds common-sense standards that have historically protected the dignity and safety of individuals, particularly young women and girls. It brings much-needed clarity for educators, administrators, and parents navigating sensitive issues and helps prevent confusion or discomfort in vulnerable settings. Ultimately, HB 2536 strengthens trust in our institutions by upholding fairness, privacy, and respect for all, while protecting the rights of biological females in Missouri.



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The Missouri Catholic Conference supports HB 2536, as it establishes clear definitions of "male" and "female" grounded in biology and a sound understanding of human nature. The measure also protects safety and privacy in sex-specific spaces that, by their nature, should not be shared with members of the opposite sex. In addition, it helps preserve fairness and safety for female athletes participating in interscholastic sports, ensuring these standards remain the norm in our state. The Missouri Catholic Conference urges the committee to vote "DO PASS" on HB 2536.



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I SUPPORT HB 2536!!

Biological men do not belong in areas designated for biological women only.

Biological women do not belong in areas designated for biological men only.



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I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL! Your gender is **WHAT YOU ARE BORN** as! I am so sick of this entitlement from the lgtqb community. Please stop with the entitlement! I was sooo bothered this weekend when my 3 year old granddaughter was watching a kid show and there was a boy who looked grown dressed as a girl with makeup etc my granddaughter yelled like granny a boy with makeup and lipgloss on!! I was si upset I immediately told her **NO** boys do **NOT** wear makeup or lipgloss. The fact I have to explain this to my 3 year old granddaughter angers me. Stop pushing this lifestyle off on people that do not want any dealings with it. Please do **NOT** pass any bill that condones a gay lifestyle!
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I work for Missouri's Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of State Parks. I am Superintendent over three park facilities in northeast Missouri, which includes managing campground facilities. I support this bill because the Department of Natural Resources has a policy that allows anyone to use the bathroom in which they prefer. It affects how I can manage my facilities, but more so affects Missourians, the people who visit our state parks, and that is where my concern lies. This has been an issue since its inception in 2015.

The policy that DNR holds for all their facilities is that they allow anyone to use the bathroom of their choice, the bathroom with the gender they identify with, instead of biological sex. Since I think this all goes back to an executive order, this policy could apply to all state facilities and buildings in every department.

I manage a campground at a park where we have community style showerhouses and restrooms. Our campgrounds are supposedly family-oriented, but we have a policy that allows men to use the showers and restrooms at the same time and space as women and girls. For me this is a huge issue – as a manager for sure, as I would be the one dealing with a bad incident that arose from this, but my concern is for our visitors, most who are fellow Missourians, that come and visit what should be a safe facility. For good reasons restrooms for men and women should be separate. I certainly do not want something bad to happen, but in our day and especially with our policy, I believe it is just a matter of time. It isn't just schools that this is an issue for, but I believe the same issue exists for campgrounds where families and kids are.

It took me several years to get a definitive answer about our bathroom policy – for years the diversity trainings skirted around the issue, and in 2021 my Parks Director said that the department did not have a policy on the issue. In February of 2022, I was speaking with my supervisor about the issue and told him I wanted to know the answer, because it's going to be an issue. He didn't think it was that big of an issue, and I told him it has already been an issue, with the boy that said he was a girl and then raping girls at two different schools in Virginia. I emailed him my questions so he could forward them onto the Human Resources department. To my surprise, I received a definitive answer: "the department does not prohibit the use of restrooms based on an individual's gender identity at any of its building or facilities".

I had posed the scenario of a father of a 9 year old girl waiting outside the campground showerhouse and watching a male walk out or into the restroom, and the father coming to me saying "you need to do

something about the man in the woman's restroom". HR said I should emphasize civil rights training to all staff, and that I should explain to the father in the scenario that the Department does not discriminate against members of the public based on their gender identity, and direct him to HR if he has questions on the policy.

I recently gave this information to my Department director, and have spoken with my Parks Director about the issue. Maybe the leadership doesn't see it as an issue, but I think that the general public and our fellow Missourians that use our campgrounds and other public spaces still want separate restroom and shower spaces for themselves, their spouses, and their children. It is a matter of safety, privacy, respect, and common sense.

I have the emails and documents about this information and policy. Please don't hesitate to contact me if needed. I can be reached at rachel.hoemann@dnr.mo.gov or 573-578-5165. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Rachel Hoemann
Park Superintendent
Mark Twain State Park



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I support this bill because As a society, we should NOT cater to the transgender crowd. They are lost individuals in society and tremendously need the Love of Christ in their life and read what the Bible says. Especially in our schools. Our youth in particular, are so persuasive and this kind of behavior should not be tolerated in our schools. A boy is a boy from birth that becomes a man for the rest of his life and a girl is a girl from birth that becomes a woman for the rest of her life!



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I come before you this evening to urge you to vote "do pass" on HB2536.

It is sad that such a piece of legislation would even be necessary, but here we are.

To think that a public building would have to be directed, by law, to have bathrooms reserved for exclusive use of one sex or the other is insane! Persons of all ages deserve decency and privacy in the restrooms. In this very building there are restrooms designated for men, and for women.

Because these facilities are public – that is, they are receiving taxpayer funding – they should have policies that reflect the values of 90+% of taxpayers, not the values of less than 10%.

I actually like this bill better than 2075 because it is more clear and specific and does not leave any room for wondering what it means . . . except in one area: 8.671 (2) (f) – (line 25f on p4) shouldn't that also include Lincoln University? And are there others that should be included as well? Or perhaps make this read "...including but not limited to...."

Otherwise I think this a great bill and I heartily ask you to vote "do pass" on HB2536.



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Missouri women need policies that address real challenges: access to affordable prenatal and maternal healthcare, protection from medical debt, fair pay, and relief from rising healthcare costs that disproportionately affect women. Despite its title, HB 2536 does not address these needs. Instead, it uses the language of protection while regulating gender identity and limiting rights, leaving the actual threats to women's health and economic security unresolved.

Missouri's maternal mortality rate remains higher than the national average, and many women in rural communities must travel long distances to see an OB-GYN. Medical debt continues to drive financial hardship across the state, with women, particularly women of color, carrying much of that burden. If the goal is truly to protect women, this legislature should prioritize lowering prescription drug costs, extending postpartum Medicaid coverage, investing in rural healthcare access, and making sure every Missouri woman can afford care. HB 2536 does not accomplish those goals, and I respectfully urge the committee to vote no.



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for the final time today, i'm a middle-aged white guy and i think our government needs to start treating trans people with respect and equal rights. this is way overdue!! the reason they are treated so poorly in america has everything to do with how shady our government is and nothing to do with them and their existence or how they live their lives.
they are no threat to men, women, or children - and they don't deserve to live in fear.



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I believe we share values to protect people against harm. I don't want people attacked or harassed in bathrooms.

However, I believe that this bill will do more to expose people to harm than to protect people from it. Crime statistics do not support a high rate of violence by transgender women against cisgender women (i.e., the sort that seems feared by continuing to allow transgender women to use the women's bathroom).

In contrast, there is very strong evidence for violence by cisgender men against transgender women (i.e., the sort that we could expect by forcing transgender women into men's bathrooms). People that are transgender are 4 times as likely to be victims of violent crime, and cisgender men are by far the most common perpetrator against transgender women.

Many people that are transgender "pass" in public as their identified gender, and this helps avoid that exposure to violence. By forcing people that are transgender to use their "biological sex" bathroom, we are also forcing them "out" to coworkers and strangers every time that they have to use the facilities, thus exposing them to more potential for violence.



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I strongly oppose this bill. It is discriminatory against transgender and non-binary people.



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As a citizen of Kansas City, Missouri I 100% oppose this bill. This bill endangers all men and women, this bill is not well thought out and will do more damage than protection towards females. I believe that trans people are safe, much safer than CIS males. I believe this bill arises out of hate and discrimination. Any woman will be suspect to a strangers call to see if they are the right sex for the restroom. Putting fully transitioned females in males restrooms endangers those who have identified as a woman for years, who look more female than male. This could be someone sitting right next to you, you may be around trans people more than you realize. Especially if they have been taking hormones for years. As. 49 year old woman, I have never felt threatened by a male or female trans person. I have however felt threatened throughout my entire life by CIS males. This bill fails to define a safe method for determining male or female (The Who what when where and how) and it should not really matter. No one should have the authority to view another person's genitalia. No male or female should be subjected to a strip search. It will embolden the wrong people and protect no one. Thank you.



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This bill does not go into depth about how this protects woman, which can only be assumed that it targets Trans people once again. Bigoted lawmakers need to stay OUT of office just like the bible!



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This bill removes local control and does more harm than good. People already know which bathroom works for them.



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Does not protect anyone



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Trans people, statistically and historically, are one of the safest groups to be around, especially when it comes to safety of women. Women are more likely to be assaulted in a church than in a bathroom with a Trans person. I am highly bothered by my state using resources to submit three bills on a non-issue than working towards anything that actually impacts Missourians such as housing affordability or rural development. Or even measures to help with drugs.



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Abhorrent bigotry. Please stop it. As a Missouri resident I am embarrassed this is even being considered.



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These bills are an absolute waste of taxpayer money, and are harmful to our most vulnerable population.



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I'm sorry I can't put this more eloquently, but what are we doing here? Your president is starting wars and making life less safe and more expensive for the average Missourian, yet you're spending your time and energy continuing to attack a marginalized minority? This is done under the guise of protecting women and girls, yet I am not seeing any investigations or consequences on the files detailing actual sexual abuse and human trafficking of underage girls by your president's best friend, cabinet members, and seemingly the man himself. As a mother of an 11 year old girl, I would much rather her be around a trans or non-binary person and would trust her alone with them much more than I would anyone in charge right now. This is a blatant corruption of power and I am sick of my taxpayer dollars being wasted on this nonsense.



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Chair and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

I want to focus narrowly on one issue: unintended safety consequences in enforcement of this bill, particularly as it applies to post operative transgender women.

If this bill is enforced strictly according to biological sex at birth without exception, it will require some fully transitioned, post operative transgender women to access male designated spaces, including correctional facilities, shelters, and multi occupancy restrooms.

That creates a serious and foreseeable safety problem.

A post operative transgender woman placed in a men's detention facility or required to access men's sleeping quarters is at extremely high risk of assault. The same is true in certain shelter environments. This is not a political statement. It is a risk assessment reality acknowledged in corrections policy and civil rights litigation nationwide.

If the purpose of this bill is safety and privacy, then enforcement that predictably increases assault risk for a vulnerable population undermines that goal.

I respectfully ask this committee to consider how sex will be verified in real world application, what documentation will control such as a birth certificate, driver's license, or amended record, what happens when state issued identification lists a person as female, and who bears liability if harm occurs after a rigid placement decision.

Without a narrowly tailored exception or individualized safety assessment standard, this bill may expose covered entities to increased legal liability, particularly in correctional and educational settings.

I am not here to debate broader ideology. I am asking you to consider adding language that allows for documented, post operative individuals to be assessed based on current anatomy and safety risk rather than defaulting to birth classification in every case.

If the goal is protection, the law should not inadvertently create new victims.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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As a lifelong Missouri resident, I stand firmly in opposition to this bill. It will only cause harm, and it will do nothing to address any real issues that directly affect the daily lives of Missourians.



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I respectfully urge you to oppose HB 2536.

This bill goes far beyond defining terms. It hardwires a narrow definition of sex into all of Missouri law and then uses it to exclude and isolate real people, including transgender students, from restrooms, dorms, and sports teams.

We are talking about children who simply want to go to school, use the bathroom safely, and participate in activities with their peers. Instead of solving a demonstrated problem, this bill creates one. It invites lawsuits against schools, forces administrators into impossible situations, and puts students at risk of stigma and harassment.

Missouri schools already have policies to ensure privacy and safety for all students. HB 2536 replaces flexibility and compassion with rigid mandates and legal threats.

Government should not be in the business of policing people's bodies or turning classmates into legal adversaries.

We can protect privacy and fairness without targeting vulnerable students. I ask you to vote no on HB 2536.

Thank you.



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To those who are not directly affected by these decisions, I ask you to pause and really think.

Just because something does not impact you or your family personally does not mean it doesn't impact real people. Human beings. People who deserve to live freely and safely in the state they call home.

No one should have to worry that decisions made by people who don't understand their lives, their needs, or their realities could put their safety at risk. Policies are not abstract. They affect bodies, dignity, mental health, and in some cases, lives.

Please choose empathy. Please choose humanity. Please think about the weight of the decisions being made and the real consequences they carry.

These are people who simply want to live in peace and be left alone.

Be the bridge where division has been created. We all deserve a safe space to exist.



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My name is Amy Crawford and I am a business owner in Saint Louis County. I am here today to respectfully but firmly voice my opposition to HB 2536, also known as the “Women’s Protection” bill.

At first glance, the title of this bill suggests safety and empowerment for women. However, upon closer examination, HB 2536 does not truly protect women—it restricts their rights, limits their autonomy, and undermines their ability to make personal decisions about their own lives and bodies.

True protection means ensuring women have access to healthcare, economic opportunities, and freedom from violence—not imposing government control over their private choices.

I have 4 main concerns:

1. Misleading Framing

The language of “protection” in this bill is misleading. It implies that women are inherently in need of state intervention in personal matters, rather than recognizing them as capable individuals who can make informed decisions for themselves.

2. Erosion of Personal Freedom

HB 2536 places the government in the position of making deeply personal decisions for women. This is not protection—it is paternalism. Women deserve the same autonomy and respect afforded to all citizens under the Constitution.

3. Potential Harm to Health and Safety

By restricting access to certain healthcare services or imposing additional barriers, this bill could endanger women’s physical and mental health. Evidence from other states shows that such restrictions often lead to delayed care, increased medical risks, and worse outcomes.

4. Disproportionate Impact on Vulnerable Communities

Low-income women, women in rural areas, and women of color will be disproportionately affected by the limitations this bill imposes. Instead of lifting barriers, HB 2536 creates more obstacles for those who already face systemic inequities.

Evidence and Expert Opinion

1. Public Health Data: States with restrictive laws similar to HB 2536 have seen increases in preventable health complications among women.

2. **Economic Impact:** Limiting women's autonomy often leads to reduced workforce participation and economic instability, which harms families and communities.
3. **Legal Precedent:** Courts have repeatedly affirmed that personal medical decisions should remain between an individual and their healthcare provider, free from unnecessary government interference.

A Better Path Forward

If the true goal is to protect women, we should:

1. Expand access to affordable healthcare, including reproductive and maternal care.
2. Strengthen protections against domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Invest in education, job training, and economic opportunities for women.
3. Ensure equal pay and workplace protections.

These measures would provide real, tangible protection—without infringing on personal freedoms.

HB 2536 does not protect women; it limits them. It does not empower women; it undermines their autonomy. I urge you to reject this bill and instead work toward legislation that genuinely supports the health, safety, and equality of all women in Missouri.



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This is a waste of taxpayer money and does not protect women and children



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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to testify this afternoon in opposition to House Bill 2536. My name is Amy Kuo Hammerman and I am the Missouri State Policy Advocate for the National Council of Jewish Women, based in St. Louis (NCJWSTL). NCJWSTL is a non-profit organization in metropolitan St. Louis, representing over 5,000 members and supporters throughout the state. We focus our work on community service, advocacy, education and philanthropy to improve the quality of life for women, children and families while supporting individual and civil rights, and have been doing so since 1895. Because of our mission of improving the lives of women, children and families, we express our vehement opposition to this discriminatory and dangerous bill.

House Bill 2536 would force transgender people in Missouri to use multi-occupancy restrooms, locker rooms, and changing rooms in all public buildings only according to their assigned biological sex and creates a cause of action for people to sue entities covered by this bill if they encounter a trans person in such facilities.

Forcing trans people to use facilities that do not match their gender identity will severely restrict the ability of trans, intersex, and gender expansive people from participating in public life. Contrary to providing "women's protection," this bill puts trans people at risk for harassment and abuse when all people should be able to go about their lives without being discriminated against or endangered. Women and girls are overwhelmingly most at risk of violence from cisgender men who they already know - not transgender people. By contrast, transgender people are more at risk of violent crime from strangers of any gender.

I am a cisgender female Missouri resident who has used public restrooms with transgender women completely unbothered - it is likely that every woman on this committee has too. This bill would allow any one of us, including the men, to sue public entities if we encounter a trans person in a restroom simply for existing. This bill says nothing about how it is to be enforced. Will people be subjected to physical inspection? By whom? It opens the door to harassment of all people, but particularly those who do not present in traditionally expected notions of femininity or masculinity. Missouri already has laws that prohibit entering restrooms or locker rooms for the purpose of harming someone or invading their privacy. This bill does nothing to increase the safety of women. All it does is target transgender people to force them out of public life, when all they want to do is live and be productive members of our society.

NCJWSTL strongly urges you to vote no on HB 2536.



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Not only is this discriminatory to trans folks, this will impact anyone who uses a public restroom.

The argument that it will keep men out of the ladies' room is 110% incorrect because it will force trans men into using restrooms that they wouldn't choose for themselves. It will actually make it more common for male-presenting folks to walk into the women's restroom, thereby making it easier for predatory cis-men to enter and assault women and children.



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This bill appears to be a lot of words stating that children have to be separated at all times by gender, other than the fact that this legislation ignores the people how are intersex or nonbinary, it also cultivates an environment of fear that is frankly unacceptable, this bill is essentially telling women that they must fear men at all times instead of cultivating terror we should instead teach how to better interact with each other and how to respect each others bodies and privacy



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This bill claims to protect women by policing bathrooms when it really denies basic civil liberties based on gender identity and expression. Remodeling public bathrooms at airports, museums, universities, etc. for this reason is a waste of taxpayer money. This bill gives no consideration to intersex people who have both male and female biological markers. Enforcement of this bill is not clear or realistic. This bill is meant to cause confusion and intimidate people who already live in fear of discrimination and violence.



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This is not what Missourians want. No. No. No.



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It's eventually a crime to use the bathroom.



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My name is Luna Trask and I am a trans woman from Columbia attending Columbia College.

If HB 2075 or HB 2536 were to become law, I would be required to use male gendered spaces, despite the fact that I am a woman. If I were forced to use male gendered spaces, I imagine I would likely be harassed for my appearance and I could even face a chance of being assaulted. This is really scary to me as a 19 year old girl.

Additionally how are you going to enforce this bill if it were made into law? Would I be required to scan my birth certificate at the door to enter the bathroom? That seems absurd. Would someone physically inspect my body? That seems like a waste of resources and an invasion of privacy.

This isn't about safety or making people feel comfortable, its about control and forcing trans people like me out of public spaces.

I am a student. I should be home studying for my midterms right now. Instead, I am here testifying about what bathroom I am allowed to use. I would like to ask the committee to reflect on whether this is a productive use of state resources.

Vote no on HB 2075, HB 1893, and HB 2536

Thank you



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Bathroom bills legislate a promblem that isn't a real problem. This is a waste of resources and time. Policing of bathrooms does not protect anyone. It only endangers those who look different. I, a cis woman, do not feel safer with legislation like this being put forth. It weaponizes a person appearance and emboldens those with those with prejudice against those who may not fit certain beauty standards as well as makes it impossible for those who have transitioned to use the bathroom. I don't want some MAGA weirdo policing me or my young neice asking what's in her pants because her hair is too short or is a little taller than most, or her voice is a little deeper than others, or she power lifts, etc. Y'all are trying to make trans peoples lives so hard legislating against such a small group of people who just want to live their lives. Trans people should be able to use the bathroom without the fear of some weirdo or person on a power trip policing them. I wish you had this same energy for Trump and those friends of the Epstein class whom actually hurt women and girls. Let trans people live!



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Please stop persecuting trans



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sex and gender are vastly different and this does not account for intersex peoples



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these definitions are incomplete, unscientific, and only seek to punish those outside of the gender binary.



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I believe that it is wrong To limit transgender people's rights.



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Opposition Testimony to Missouri HB 2536

To the Members of the House Emerging Issues Committee:

My name is, and I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to HB 2536.

HB 2536 repeals existing statutory definitions and replaces them with newly constructed definitions under the banner of “women’s protection.” While framed as clarifying language, the bill instead narrows legal recognition in ways that exclude transgender Missourians and introduce broad legal uncertainty.

1. Redefining “Female” Alters the Foundation of Missouri Law

HB 2536 replaces long-standing statutory language with a biologically restrictive definition of “female” tied to reproductive capacity — including language about individuals who “naturally have, had, will, or would have” reproductive systems that produce eggs.

This definition:

Centers legal status on reproductive function rather than lived identity or legal recognition

Excludes transgender women

Raises questions about how individuals with intersex variations or medical conditions are classified

Rewriting foundational definitions affects education policy, athletics, housing, corrections, and potentially employment protections. This is not a narrow clarification — it is a structural change to Missouri law.

2. The Bill Extends Beyond Definitions into Mandatory Segregation

HB 2536’s implications include:

Prohibiting students from participating in athletics aligned with their gender identity

Requiring separation of sleeping quarters and private areas based strictly on birth certificate sex

These provisions disproportionately affect transgender youth, who already face elevated risks of bullying, isolation, and mental health challenges.

Policies that single out students for exclusion increase harm rather than enhance safety.

3. Legal Risk and Constitutional Concerns

By codifying biological definitions that conflict with evolving federal interpretations of sex discrimination under Title IX and related civil rights law, Missouri risks:

Costly litigation

Loss of federal funding tied to nondiscrimination compliance

Conflicting obligations for public schools and universities

The state should not place institutions in legal jeopardy through sweeping definitional changes.

4. “Women’s Protection” Should Not Come at the Expense of Other Women

The framing of this bill suggests that recognizing transgender women undermines protections for cisgender women. There is no evidence that inclusive policies reduce safety or fairness.

Protecting women from violence, discrimination, and economic inequity requires:

Addressing domestic violence

Expanding healthcare access

Ensuring workplace equity

Redefining statutory language to exclude a small minority of students does not materially advance women’s safety.

5. Government Should Not Police Biology

The proposed language invites enforcement challenges:

Who determines biological classification?

What documentation is required?

How are disputes resolved?

Embedding reproductive criteria into statute invites invasive scrutiny and administrative confusion.

Closing

HB 2536 represents a broad redefinition of legal terms that will affect education, public facilities, and civil rights across Missouri. It introduces exclusionary standards, legal uncertainty, and significant fiscal risk — all while claiming to advance protection.

Missouri can protect women without redefining personhood in ways that exclude others.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to reject HB 2536.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Studies have shown that HRT or Hormone Replacement Therapy has a significant impact on athletic related traits like muscle mass, strength, and endurance. Trans women on HRT experienced notable decreases in muscle size and hemoglobin levels, reducing any perceived advantage over time.



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Please stop pretending like you are "protecting women." We all know how many women get attacked by trans people in the bathroom --- none! Anyone attacking anyone anywhere is a criminal. Period. It doesn't matter what color they are, what gender they are, what religion they are. And pretending like women will be safer in single-sex bathrooms is just ridiculous. Trans people are not criminals. They are just people, just like everyone else. We have real and serious issues going on in this state and country and world-- and worrying about gender or race isn't one of them. In fact, inventing ridiculous issues concerning gender just distracts us from real and serious problems and uses vital resources that could be used for dealing with real and timely matters. And school is difficult enough without facing discrimination for gender. Please just stop this nonsense. Do the right thing for once. Recognize trans people are just people with the same rights and liberties as all other people. Let's stop with being concerned about gender and get on with dealing with real problems.



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These 3 bills (HB 2536, HB 2075 and HB 1893) stand to cause irreparable harm to those identifying as Transgender and specifically minors falling in that category.

The mental and physical toll that being outed can take on a trans person equates these bills to a unprecedented attack by the governing body of Missouri on 0.05% of the population of the state.

I will not mince words this bill will lead to violence by those emboldened by the government treating trans people as less than at best, and not worth the human decency of being allowed to use a public restroom at worst.



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As a biological woman, I feel much more unsafe with bathroom bills like this. It would require trans men, who are biologically female but look and dress exactly like non-trans men, to use the same restroom as me, which would open up far more opportunities for abuse by non-trans men who could walk into a women's restroom and just say they are a trans man and then assault women. I would much rather use the restroom with a trans woman in the next stall than have women and trans men in the same restroom, making it impossible to tell who belongs and who's there to abuse women.



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The purpose of these bills is not the safety or privacy of transgender or cisgender individuals but rather a way to challenge the legal rights of those in the transgender community. I am angry that Republicans continue to limit the freedom of these already marginalized Missourians via these kinds of bills rather than actually solve problems that impact all of us in Missouri.



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All three of these bills, HB 1893, 2075, and 2536, will not make us safer, but instead target and endanger some of the most vulnerable Missourians. I stand with the ACLU, which has stated, "We know the purpose of these bills is not safety or privacy, but rather, part of a larger strategy to push transgender people out of public and civic life."

I strongly urge you to vote NO on these bills.



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This bill opens the door for invasions of privacy, false accusations, and paper checks. Further, it introduces requirements which could be cost prohibitive and unenforceable resulting in restrooms being closed in vital areas.



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I want to voice my concerns over these bathroom bans. First of all it is most concerning to think that legislating people's genitals is your top priority. It is no one's business but themselves what is in thier pants. Secondly, legislating a bam would not stop real predators from entering the "wrong" restroom, It would only further alienate a big portion of our population. I'd hate to be the first one to tell yall that transsexuals have always and will always exist, despite any legislation or bans. It is our duty as human beings to create safe spaces for everyone and restricting access to facilities for essential (sometimes involuntary) daily needs is not the way. I'm proud to be raising my family in Missouri and I'd like to believe it will continue to be safe for everyone.



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Just like HB2536, this bill needlessly establishes an avenue for engaging in lawfare by creating muddy and difficult to consistently enforce rules.



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This is yet another bill just trying to control people. Ironical how the party of "freedom" doesn't want it for anyone else. Discrimination against trans people, like in this bill and HB 2075, are just attempts to score cheap political culture war points for the most rabid of your base. You push ideas and laws that the Epstein class would LOVE instead of focusing on REAL issues that affect ALL of Missouri, such as school funding and infrastructure maintenance. This is a terrible bill and should be left out to die.



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The irony of labeling a bill women's protection, when the legislature has demonstrably tried to suppress women's rights?

I can't believe that we are giving in to the worst of ourselves.

This is punitive to small businesses. Stop bringing us into your culture wars. We're trying to make a living. By passing this bill, you are declaring yourself anti-small business.



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The claim that a harmful bill such as this is necessary for the "protection of women" is completely absurd. As a woman in my 30's, I don't see a single word in this bill that would make me feel safer in my community. Please do not pass this bill, as it would do nothing but impose further harm on Missouri women.



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This disgusting bill aims to police trans people's bodies. They hide behind excuses and strawman arguments, but it's still obvious that the purpose of these bills is not safety or privacy, but rather, part of a larger strategy to push transgender people out of public and civic life. As a trans person, I'm appalled and afraid both for myself and for my trans siblings.

All of us, regardless of our gender, deserve the freedom to be ourselves and the right to safely exist in our communities as ourselves. If this bill passes, not only will trans people's ability to safely relieve themselves be removed, but also it will continue to encourage Missouri citizens who hate us to feel emboldened to treat us with even more derision than they already do, especially the kids. This bill does not protect anyone. It only does the opposite. Trans people are not a threat. They are people trying to get through the day, and it's becoming clear that anyone can be used as a scapegoat for hate by the government of this state. If this bill, or any of it's disgusting siblings pass into law, you're putting Missouri citizens in danger and gaining nothing at all. Have some integrity and decency and don't treat us this way.



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I am a lifelong Missouri resident, a wife, a mother, I opposed this bill. It has phrasing to sound like it protects woman but as a woman this type of bill puts me in danger (not to mention the extreme harm it would cause all transgender and non-binary people) I am a female with short hair and over the past several years I have experienced discrimination in the restroom more times than I could count due to the harmful rhetoric that comes from these bills and the politicians who submit them. At this point I do not enter public bathrooms alone, I do not feel safe in my own state, the place I call home. I do agree women should be protected but there are a thousand other ways that would actually protect women. Allow pregnant women to get divorced and leave abusers, allow woman the right to govern their own bodies, increase punishment for abusers and rapist. Do better to protect women and quit using our names to carry out your bigotry.



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My name is Brittany Kiefer and I live in the City of St. Louis. I oppose this bill.



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My name is Brynn Cockrum. I am a constituent and active voter from Kansas City, MO. I oppose HB2536.



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This bill is not made to protect women but is instead made to even further the policing and hate that trans people deal with every day



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My name is Callie Aitkens. I am a cis women and mother of two young children. Trans people do not harm me or my children by entering the bathrooms that align with their gender identity. However, taking rights away from trans people opens the door for more individuals losing their rights. ALL PEOPLE should have equal rights. Legislation that takes away rights from trans people and lgbtq+ people is unnecessary and cruel. Once again, trans people entering bathrooms that align with their gender identity DOES NOT HARM ME OR MY CHILDREN - but taking away people's rights does.



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Hi, I'm Cammie Storm from West Plains Missouri and I oppose HB 2536

HB 2536 goes beyond regulating facilities and instead attempts to redefine “male,” “female,” and “sex” across Missouri law using reproductive function as the determining factor. This approach fails to reflect biological reality and ignores the existence of intersex individuals, many of whom cannot produce eggs or sperm or possess variations that do not align with either definition.

By embedding these definitions into the state’s general statutory framework, the bill risks creating confusion and unintended consequences across multiple areas of law.

The bill also authorizes private lawsuits against institutions if someone encounters a person they believe to be of the opposite sex in a designated space. This creates an incentive for surveillance and complaint-driven enforcement based on perception rather than fact.

Such a system does not protect women. It encourages people to scrutinize other women’s bodies, voices, and appearance to determine whether they are “female enough.” Cisgender women who are gender-nonconforming, intersex, or simply outside narrow beauty norms could face repeated challenges, humiliation, or exclusion.

Additionally, applying these rules to settings such as domestic violence shelters and correctional facilities could place vulnerable women at further risk by prioritizing rigid categorization over individualized safety assessments.

HB 2536 also makes permanent restrictions on school athletics by removing the existing expiration date, preventing future legislatures from reassessing the policy in light of new evidence or experience. Legislation intended to protect women should not subject them to suspicion, surveillance, or legal disputes over their bodies.

Policies that require strangers, staff, or officials to determine who is “female enough” inevitably harm women — especially those who are young, disabled, intersex, gender-nonconforming, or from marginalized communities. Missouri’s women deserve privacy, dignity, and safety without fear of being questioned about their bodies. Laws that ignore biological diversity and rely on appearance-based enforcement create more problems than they solve

Thank you for your time
Cammie Storm
West Plains Missouri



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?My name is Dr. Candice N. Moran, Psy.D. I am a lifelong Missourian, a licensed psychologist with nearly 15 years of clinical experience, and the parent of 10-year-old twins. I am here today to testify in opposition to HB 2536.

HB 2536 attempts to solve a social debate by creating a rigid, statutory definition of "sex" that ignores the clinical reality of human development. In my 15 years of practice, I have worked with individuals whose biological and psychological realities do not fit into the binary boxes this bill seeks to mandate.

?By codifying these definitions, the state is essentially overriding clinical standards of care and biological reality, as sex is not binary (once you get beyond a 6th grade biological understanding). "Biological sex" is not a simple binary for all individuals (e.g., intersex conditions). Mandating a statutory definition based solely on "natural reproductive systems" ignores medical science and creates legal purgatory for thousands of Missourians.

When we force nonbinary and transgender Missourians into facilities that do not align with their lived identity, we are not "protecting" anyone; we are actively increasing the allostatic load on a vulnerable population. Laws that legally "erase" a person's identity contribute to internalized transphobia, which is a leading predictor of self-harm in adolescents.

The "Private Cause of Action" in Section 8 of this bill is particularly concerning to me as a mental health professional. It effectively creates a "bounty" system that encourages litigation against schools and shelters. By allowing a private cause of action for simply "encountering" a person, this bill incentivizes public confrontation and harassment, which are primary triggers for PTSD in gender-diverse populations.

For my 10-year-old nonbinary child, this means that any mistake or act of inclusion by a teacher or administrator could result in a lawsuit for the school. This creates an environment of fear and surveillance rather than one of education and support. The also likely outcome being less support in the name of "risk management."

As a psychologist who has worked in DV shelters, volunteered with LGBTQIA+ IPV agencies, and a DV survivor myself, I am deeply concerned about the "covered entity" status of domestic violence shelters. These are places of crisis. Forcing a nonbinary person into a mismatched shelter—or threatening that shelter with a lawsuit for providing affirming care—is a violation of the "Do No Harm"

principle.

I have two children: a cisgender daughter and a nonbinary child. Proponents of HB 2536 claim this is for my daughter's protection. I can tell you unequivocally: my daughter does not feel "protected" by a law that targets her twin sibling.

?What my daughter is protected by is a society that values privacy, dignity, and common sense. This bill undermines all three. It invites strangers to scrutinize the bodies of children in public spaces and provides a financial incentive for that scrutiny through the courts.

?HB 2536 is not a "protection" act; it is a "litigation" act. It replaces medical expertise and parental discretion with state-mandated surveillance. As a psychologist who sees the mental health consequences of these policies every day, and as a parent who loves both of my children equally, I ask you to vote "DO NOT PASS" on HB 2536.



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This bill will not make anyone safer. It only puts trans gender people in danger by forcing them into bathrooms they don't look like the belong in. I'm positive that argument won't move the legislature though, because they hate transgender people.

Instead consider the potential economic impact of this law:

"Missouri has lost between \$362 million to \$879 million in household income, and that's expected to increase."

- <https://www.kcur.org/politics-elections-and-government/2025-11-10/missouri-anti-lgbtq-laws-linked-to-population-loss-and-decline-in-tax-revenue-studies-find>

"North Carolina's anti-trans bathroom law, HB2, certainly made this point. While it was in effect (it's since repealed), entertainers, sports leagues, and other businesses actively avoided the state. Their boycott had a quantifiable impact. Similarly, Indianapolis is estimated to have lost \$60 million in potential revenue after a religious liberties bill allowed discrimination against LGBTQ people. Over 300 companies have signed on to an open letter opposing these harmful LGBTQ bills, putting these dangerous bills in the limelight."

- <https://opportunityinstitute.org/blog/post/laws-targeting-lgbtq-communities-bad-for-economy/>

"LGBTQ+ Americans make important contributions to the economy
An estimated 18.3 million Americans identified as LGBTQ+ in 2021. A recent Gallup poll found that 7.1% of American adults identify as LGBTQ+, double the share in 2012 and up from 5.6% in 2020. This growing population spans racial, ethnic and age groups, though young adults are notably more likely to openly identify as LGBTQ+. These estimates likely underestimate the true LGBTQ+ population because they do not include those who do not openly identify as such, often due to fear of violence, discrimination or other forms of bigotry."

- <https://share.google/GXQgnWzzHstN3Ojrm>

"According to USA Today, the ramifications of these discriminatory bills on states' economic and financial health are also well-documented. A UCLA study found that the social, economic and health effects of stigma and

discrimination
against LGBTQ+ people negatively impact Texas' economy by tens of millions of dollars each year.
Another study by
the Texas Association of Business estimated that discriminatory legislation could result in an
estimated economic loss
to Texas' gross domestic product ranging from \$964 million to \$8.5 billion."

- <https://share.google/7PXsKJiJ4smnbggMP>

Missouri can not afford the impacts of this and other related bills. It can't afford the human cost either.



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I'm the mother of an 8 year old and a 4 year old who attend public school. There is no evidence or documentation that allowing children or adults to choose which bathroom to use harms other students. If you truly want to keep Missouri children safe, turn your efforts towards providing free/reduced school lunches, universal pre-K, better prenatal care, parental leave, firearm mortality, clean air and water, food deserts, etc.

There is no reason to legislate which toilets Missourians are allowed to pee and poop in.



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I am opposed to the definition of female in this bill, which excludes the possibility of a trans-gender woman being legally considered female.

I am opposed to the definition of male in this bill, which excludes the possibility of a trans-gender man being legally considered a male.

I am opposed to the provision of this bill that makes permanent the ban on students competing in an athletic competition that is designated for the biological sex opposite to the student's biological sex as stated on the student's official birth certificate or other government record.

This bill is an attempt to strip the legal status of trans-gender males and females. When a person is stripped of their legal status they are effectively stripped of their personhood and rights. I would like to remind those in the Missouri legislature that this is the kind of thing that was done with respect to trans-gender people in Nazi Germany - and then it was done to others: Jews, gypsies, other minorities. We do not want to go down that road. Effectively we would be creating a system which makes Missouri a terrible place to live for trans-gender people. They might as well, then, move to other states where they DO have rights. Why would we want to give up the contributions and the pleasure of being a citizen of our beautiful state for a segment of the population? Are we that hateful and fearful of people who are not like us?

This bill is discriminatory and hateful to trans-gender people, who should be accepted in our state for the way they are and not targeted for becoming illegal in their gender choice according to Missouri law.



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This bill also infringe on the word of liberty of citizens



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This bill is not for the protection of women. This bill seeks to police women's genitals. If a woman with short hair and somewhat masculine features goes to the bathroom of her gender, who is to say that she won't be harassed by another woman there or asked to provide some sort of identification to say she is who she says she is. This bill is strictly to harass trans women who are women, not men. If you are strict about this, those women will be forced to use the men's facilities and put them in danger of harassment or violence from the men in those spaces. And what of trans men? Are you envisioning a man with a full beard going into a women's bathroom because you have established this bill? These men and women deserve the same rights as anyone else. This is basic courtesy. People go in to a bathroom, they enter a stall, they do their business, they leave. We don't need to be difficult about this and make more out of going to the bathroom than it is. I am fine with having a trans woman enter the ladies room. The trans women that I know pose less danger to society and to women and girls than most straight cisgender male politicians these days.



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I strongly oppose this bill as a woman, a mother, and as a Missourian.



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Against free will guaranteed by the constitution



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Transgender women are incredibly vulnerable to physical and sexual assault at the hands of men. Any serious measure to protect women must include them. How can you claim to protect women while hurting some of the most vulnerable women?



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I am a transgender Missourian born and raised here. My ancestor fought for the Union from a St. Louis regiment. My roots go deeper than most of yours. I just want to pee in peace at work. All my documents reflect my gender. I do not have my birth genitals. I am a danger to no one and would be at risk of assault being forced to use the wrong restroom.

Please spend your time fixing real issues for Missourians. We rank at the bottom of everything except cruelty.



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I am a cis mother of two young girls and active voter from Plattsburg, MO. I have spent most of my life in Plattsburg, a small rural town in northwest Missouri. I have met one trans person. Most people who try to take rights away from trans people have not even met or been friends with a trans person. My point is, trans people do not harm or even affect most people's lives at all. However, taking away trans people's rights opens the door to taking away more and more individuals rights. I support trans people. I support equal rights for ALL PERSONS. I strongly oppose all legislation that takes away a person's right to choose who they are and express themselves fully.

Trans people going to the restroom of their choice have never harmed me or my children. Bathrooms are a non issue for me. I enter the bathroom, help my children, and leave. Trans people do the same. Writing legislation that is hurtful to trans people does not keep me safe, it unnecessarily harms trans people and it opens the door to my rights being taken away as well.



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Women don't need lawmakers to protect us!			



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Opposition to HB 2536 – Women’s Protection

HB 2536 claims to protect women, but in reality it creates confusion, legal risk, and unnecessary division in our schools and public institutions.

First, adding rigid statutory definitions of “male,” “female,” and “sex” ignores the medical and legal complexity surrounding sex and gender. This bill forces a one-size-fits-all standard onto correctional facilities, shelters, schools, and universities - without giving administrators flexibility to handle real-world situations safely and compassionately.

Second, the bill exposes schools and public entities to lawsuits. It creates a private cause of action for individuals who merely “encounter” someone of the opposite sex in a restroom or changing room. That language is vague and invites litigation. Taxpayers, not politicians, will foot the bill for defending these cases.

Third, the mandatory housing and sleeping-quarters provisions override existing campus policies that already allow for voluntary single-sex housing options while also accommodating students who need privacy for other reasons. Institutions are already capable of providing privacy without turning every situation into a statutory violation.

Finally, removing the 2027 expiration date on the current athletics provision is especially concerning. A sunset clause exists for a reason: to allow lawmakers to review how a policy functions in practice. Eliminating the one-year expiration locks the state into a controversial policy without evaluating its impact. If lawmakers were confident this provision was working as intended, they would allow review rather than permanently entrench it.

Protecting privacy and safety is important. But HB 2536 does not solve a demonstrated crisis. Instead, it expands government control, increases litigation risk, and places schools and shelters in legally precarious positions.

We should be focusing on policies that strengthen safety for everyone, like red flag laws, without creating new legal conflicts or targeting vulnerable students like this bill will.



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This bill is government overreach and goes against people's civil liberties. I don't know why so much time is spent on this issue, trying to vilify this group, instead of working on important issues. You should at least get to know some trans gender folks, and realize not surprisingly, they're just like everyone else. And they should be treated like everyone else and should the same rights everyone else.



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If you want to protect women, start with those in the Epstein Files.



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This bill aims to control existence and expression. The larger strategy of pushing trans students out of public life and civic prosperity will continue to be met with fact, logic & testimony.

Pages 2 - 4 and 8 - 11 of the fiscal note accompanied to this bill shows only \$0 for allocated funding, re-allocated funding or budgeted expense(s).

This further goes to state that this bill is entirely falsely written, poorly drafted & leads our state up to serious litigation from the organizations, schools, universities & public buildings that they're claiming to protect.



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By removing the expiration for the ban on all-gender sporting teams and events, this directly eliminates the long-standing tradition & skills gaining for pre-K, elementary & middle school soccer teams, tee-ball & recreational kickball, tennis & running-themed sporting teams.

We're all familiar with boys & girls co-ed teams... we have family members who've played on these teams. We're parents and grandparents who've coached or volunteered on these teams. We've sponsored & volunteered at events like, "Upward" which always blend boys & girls teams, when there's a failure to meet a minimum head count to participate in.

According to the upward national league, they define the availability and ability to include co-ed teams on the following parameters:

"Division Breakdown: Pre-K3–pre-K4, K5–1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th and 6th-8th. Pre-K3-1st are Co-Ed."

Thinking beyond, "world's largest Christian youth sports organization, partnering with churches to leverage sports in their community."

This bill eliminates the ability for any student within the following age ranges to participate in co-ed sports that're sanctioned by MSHA or school athletics & teams. We're eliminating a possibility for elementary & middle school aged children to develop social skills, gain athletic ability & skills, exercise for heaven's sake... which we know is good for developing muscle tone, bone growth, metabolic regularity & meeting new friendships.



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these bill are just fodder for the right wing of this country and our state to control everything about everyone. Especially women and trans folks. Anything you can do to make it harder and exclude us from making decisions and having rights is the point. Shame on all of you who vote FOR these bills



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All of these will harm everyone, they do not protect anyone



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I am writing in opposition to legislation restricting bathroom access in public spaces based on sex assigned at birth.

There is no credible evidence that inclusive bathroom policies create safety risks for the general public. Researchers at the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law (2018) examined crime reports across states with and without transgender nondiscrimination laws and found no increase in safety incidents in restrooms in states with inclusive policies. The premise of this bill is not supported by any data whatsoever.

From a legal standpoint, *Bostock v. Clayton County* (U.S. Supreme Court, 2020) established that discrimination against transgender individuals constitutes sex discrimination under federal law. Enforcement of a bathroom ban would expose Missouri municipalities to costly civil rights litigation, which would be paid for by taxpayers (voters).

This legislative body has real, pressing issues before it: infrastructure, healthcare access, and economic development. Instead, this bill spends political capital and public money scapegoating a small, already-marginalized community. Furthermore, to the extent this legislation is motivated by religious beliefs about gender and biological sex, I remind this body that the First Amendment's Establishment Clause prohibits enshrining religious doctrine into civil law. I urge you to reject this bill and redirect your energy toward issues which genuinely serve Missourians.



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Framing trans persecution as “women’s protection” is crazy. Protecting women looks like prosecuting men who have actually sexually abused women, like our president.



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The people spoke at the ballots. As an elected official, you are to uphold what the people want, not undermine it with your personal agenda.



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I am writing today to register my strong opposition to HB 1893, 2075, and 2536. The legislature should not be intruding on the private business of people - the very definition of bathroom use. There is no reason for the government to be interrogating what is in the pants, or the genes, of people just trying to live their lives and use the bathroom.

Transgender folks are part of our community. They are Missourians deserving of respect and access to the public space. Transgender people are our neighbors, our colleagues, our friends, and our families and they deserve to be able to use the bathroom like everyone else without being fearful of being outed, prosecuted, or persecuted. Reject all forms of these absurd and discriminatory bathroom bills.



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I am testifying today because these bills would affect me and people I know. I came out as trans when I was 14, and if these bills were to be put in place you would be placing me and other trans people at risk of harassment and unnecessary attention. Right now, a couple of things could happen if I were to walk into and use the women's restroom. people using it would be uncomfortable; I could be harassed and assaulted. But with these bills that is what you would be forcing me and others to do. I pose a question to the people on the committee who support these bills; if this bill passes, how would you react if you saw me walking into the women's restroom legally? How are people supposed to 'prove' what genitals we have? How is that supposed to be 'protecting women' Also do I really need to say, no one likes using public restrooms or locker rooms. I usually wait until I get home or if I really must go, I use the bathroom like any other person and I do not want to be there anymore than anyone else.

I wanted to end with some uncomfortable hopefully staggering statistics. In a 2019 CNN survey, they surveyed 3673 teens ages 13-17 who were denied access to the bathroom they identify with at school, they found that 1 out of 4 students who have limited access to a bathroom they identify with experienced being sexually assaulted. Ages 13-17. 25%, you do not have to agree with how I live my life for that to be alarming, we are talking about kids' safety.

Let us focus on something that would actually help with public safety and not try to ban people from using the restroom they feel most comfortable, vote no on these bills.



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There are considerably more homeless highschool students than transgender highschool students and even fewer trans athletes. Perhaps our legislators should recognize what issues really matter and not waste time stigmatizing an extremely small segment of the student population.



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To the Members of the Missouri House of Representatives and the public record:

I write to register my unequivocal opposition to HB?2536. This proposal threatens fundamental constitutional rights, undermines public health and safety, and erodes the principle of equal protection under the law.

Although the title suggests a protective intent, the language of HB?2536 is vague and opens the door to paternalistic regulations that limit women's autonomy over their own bodies, workplaces, and personal decisions. By imposing restrictive measures framed as "protection," the bill risks infringing on women's constitutional right to privacy and equal treatment under the law. Legislation that treats women as a class needing special protection, rather than empowering them with equal rights and choices, is both outdated and discriminatory.



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I am a physician providing gender affirming care for adults who has had the privilege of caring for hundreds of transgender people over the last decade. I provide this care as part of my role as an endocrinologist, alongside care for diabetes, thyroid problems, and other hormone conditions. I'm also a cisgender woman who has used public restrooms and locker rooms for the last 40+ years, and I have never felt unsafe in a women's public restroom.

I urge Missouri legislators to vote no on HB 2075, HB 1893, HB 2536 because these bills are dangerous for transgender people in our state.

There is no evidence in the medical literature to suggest that cisgender people are safer when transgender people are excluded from the restroom where they feel most comfortable. However, studies demonstrate that restroom policies prohibiting transgender people from using restrooms and locker rooms aligned with their gender identity increase risk to the transgender person substantially.

For example, a study published in Pediatrics in 2019 found that among 3673 transgender and nonbinary adolescents grades 7-12, in the last 12 months, 26% of transgender youth in the study were victims of sexual assault. Additionally, transgender youth who were restricted from using the restroom or locker room aligned with their identity reported rates of assault that were 26-149% higher than youth who were not restricted in their restroom/locker room use. Unsurprisingly, the group that was at highest risk for being assaulted when unable to use the girls' facilities were transgender girls.[1] Transgender girls and women should not be forced to use the boys/mens' restroom because it is unsafe for them.

An additional analysis published in JAMA Network Open, examined the experiences of over 9000 transgender individuals in China, finding that almost 10% had experienced verbal abuse in a public restroom, 1.1 % experienced physical abuse, and 3% had experienced sexual abuse.[2] Experiences of bathroom discrimination have been documented to have significant associations with poorer mental health outcomes. In a survey of over 7000 13-24 year old transgender youth, 58% reported being prevented or discouraged from using a bathroom corresponding to their gender identity. Among those experiencing this discrimination, odds of depressed mood, considering suicide, and suicide attempts were significantly higher than among those who reported no such discrimination.[3]

In the US transgender survey (2022), among over 80,000 transgender respondents from across the US, 6% reported verbal harassment, physical assault or unwanted sexual contact when accessing a public restroom and 4% were denied access to a public restroom in the last 12 months.[4]

The impact of bills like HB 2075, HB 1893, HB 2536 is clear. A recent study demonstrated an increase in past-year suicide attempts among transgender youth living in states with anti-transgender laws as compared to those without such laws.[5] I see firsthand the negative effects of these types of laws on my patients who are just trying to live their lives and contribute to society. The anxiety in our offices is palpable - no one should have to worry that they will lose access to safe public spaces, and yet, this is the case for our transgender community.

The vast majority of transgender adults that we see have spent years and often decades coming to terms with the fact that their gender does not match their sex. Most importantly, transgender people are not confused about who they are. In our hostile world, it takes extraordinary courage and resilience to live as one's gender in a body that doesn't "match."

There are ways to design public spaces to keep everyone safe and comfortable including providing gender neutral facilities for anyone who does not feel comfortable in a shared single gender bathroom. However, intentionally excluding transgender people from public bathrooms aligned with their gender is not the way forward.

Please vote no on HB 2075, HB 1893, HB 2536. All people deserve to use a restroom where they feel comfortable. Allowing transgender people to use restrooms aligned with their identity does not compromise safety for the rest of us – but may well ensure the safety of the trans person. Let's use some common sense and let people be themselves and take care of their basic needs in peace.

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My name is Cindy Mergen, and I am a resident of Springfield, Missouri. I am writing today in strong opposition to legislation that would prohibit transgender Missourians from using bathrooms that align with their gender identity.

I want to be clear: this bill does not make anyone safer. What it does is single out a small, already vulnerable group of people for exclusion, humiliation, and government surveillance of their bodies.

Transgender people are not predators. They are our neighbors, coworkers, students, veterans, and family members. They are simply trying to go to work, attend school, and live their lives like everyone else. There is no credible evidence that allowing transgender people to use the restroom that aligns with their gender identity increases incidents of assault. Predatory behavior is already illegal in Missouri. If someone commits assault, harassment, or voyeurism in a restroom, they should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. We do not need to criminalize transgender Missourians to address crimes that are already illegal.

If this legislature is truly concerned about protecting women and children, then I urge you to focus on actual predators and actual threats. Invest in investigating and prosecuting sexual assault. Fund rape kit testing. Support domestic violence shelters. Strengthen child protection services. Those are real safety measures.

This bill would instead require government enforcement of who looks “male enough” or “female enough” to enter a restroom. It invites harassment, policing of bodies, and costly legal challenges funded by Missouri taxpayers. It creates confusion for businesses, schools, and public institutions, who will be forced to navigate vague and invasive compliance standards.

Missouri faces serious challenges: underfunded schools, rural hospital closures, childcare shortages, workforce gaps, and infrastructure needs. Our time and taxpayer dollars should be focused on solving those problems, not on targeting a marginalized group that poses no threat to public safety.

Transgender Missourians deserve the same dignity, privacy, and protection under the law as anyone else. They deserve to use the restroom without fear.

I respectfully ask you to reject this legislation and instead commit to policies that actually make Missouri safer, stronger, and more welcoming for all.

Thank you for your time.



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NO! This bill would police gender standards and stereotypes for all Missourians regarding restroom access. This bill intends to divide us against each other while continuing to target transgender Missourians. Politicians do not get to define us. As a voter, a senior citizen and lifelong Missourian I oppose!



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As a social worker, I am concerned that HB 2536, framed as a measure to “protect” women, advances a definition of safety that relies on exclusion rather than evidence-based strategies. In my professional experience, transgender and gender-diverse individuals are far more likely to be targets of harassment and violence than perpetrators, and policies that restrict their access to public spaces intensify stigma and mental health risks. Social work values call on me to challenge policies that perpetuate discrimination and to promote environments where all people can participate in community life without fear. True safety is achieved through inclusion, prevention, and supportive systems — not by marginalizing already vulnerable populations.



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This bill is discriminatory and prejudiced - it is an attack on queer rights under the guise of protecting Missourians/women. I strongly oppose this bill.



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MOEEP opposes this bill. It doesn't keep anyone safe and creates harms. Public spaces are poorly defined. Also, what is the enforcement mechanism? We oppose bills harming transgender people.



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This does not protect women.



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I oppose this!



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My name is Deborah Reinhardt and I live in Wildwood. I am a Christian lay leader in my church and the greater St. Louis area, and I am testifying in opposition to HB 2536. I raise my voice in solidarity with other progressive Christians to unequivocally proclaim the holiness of transgender, nonbinary, and intersex people, as well as the recognition of the entire spectrum of gender identity and expression. That this bill seeks to limit “sex” as only male and female is an affront to the beautiful diversity of humanity. Now let’s look at the harm these bathroom-ban bills cause to our trans, intersex, and nonbinary neighbors. Last year, at the United Church of Christ Open and Affirming Coalition convention held in Kansas City, I heard a story of a trans man who was beaten for using the “wrong” bathroom, and this man’s child witnessed the violence. I will hazard to guess that not one committee member here has ever felt fear while using a public restroom, let alone endured the beating of a stranger in front of their child. Is this how you understand the “do unto others” commandment found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke?

Bathroom bans, trans athlete bans, trans youth healthcare bans — it all smacks of extreme religious conservatives who know there are other interpretations of sex and gender grounded in religious writings and science. Yet these legislators, including the authors of this bill, continue to do harm to fellow Missourians. I ask them to search their hearts and explain how this aligns with “love your neighbor as yourself.”

You want to protect children? How about reducing the threat of gun violence in their neighborhoods and schools You want to protect women? How about not forcing her to carry a pregnancy that threatens her very life and mental well-being! This committee must stop engaging in senseless culture wars and wasting Missouri taxpayers’ money on these cheap, headline-grabbing bills and vote NO on HB 2536.



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I didn't understand the trans thing earlier in my life either. But then, I have very dear friends who's child was proclaiming that they were not the gender that their body reflected. This was a 3-4 year old with zero influence from the world or other siblings. Because I loved this child, I had no choice but to learn more and better understand how this happens. These bills have no business becoming law. Wait until you have a child/grandchild/close friend in the same shoes. And know you are taking away their rights as a citizen of this country. Shame on you!!!! STOP THE BILL!!!!



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Laws that limit access due to gender or identity, including transgendered people, are discriminatory. These are not being promoted for safety, and do more harm to individuals who would be forced to use a bathroom or other space that matches sex assigned at birth, not their gender currently. It makes an unsafe situation for people who risk being harmed for their gender presentation (such as being female presenting but male at birth); creates opportunities for predators with ill intent to claim access is allowed (men pretending to be female at birth even when they are not).

Bills like these use hatred and fear to spread transphobia, and focus on the wrong problem. There are so many other ways to make gendered specific spaces safer, more private, and still inclusive (not discriminatory).

Missouri, focus on the right things. This isn't it.



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Leave transgender and intersex people alone. They cannot help what genitalia they were born with nor can they help the way their brains developed. They cause no more harm than anyone else in the bathroom with you. I acknowledge there will always be an outlier in any group; however, every transgender or intersex person I have ever met is kind, respectful and the most likely bathroom ally for a woman. We go to the bathroom in groups for safety. Straight men take it upon themselves to walk in, place cameras or hang around the exits being creepy all the time. They don't need to pretend to be women to do that. In my experience, a six foot tall transgender woman is an excellent deterrent to male aggression.



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Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dianna Keen and I am in strong opposition to legislation that would ban transgender individuals from using bathrooms consistent with their gender identity.

At its core, this bill is not about safety. It is about exclusion.

Transgender people are not hypothetical concepts or political talking points. They are our neighbors, coworkers, parents, veterans, students, and children. They deserve the same dignity, privacy, and basic safety that every person in this state expects when they walk into a restroom.

There is no credible evidence that allowing transgender people to use bathrooms consistent with their gender identity increases incidents of assault or misconduct. What this legislation would increase, however, is harm. It would force people into situations where they are visibly outed, harassed, or placed in environments where they are at greater risk of violence.

Bathroom bans do not make anyone safer. They make transgender people less safe.

Beyond safety concerns, this bill sends a damaging message — that some people are less worthy of public participation. When we restrict access to something as basic as a restroom, we are restricting a person's ability to go to school, hold a job, travel, or simply exist in public life without fear.

Legislation like this also exposes our state to legal challenges, economic consequences, and reputational harm. We have seen in other states that discriminatory laws can result in business backlash, canceled events, and costly litigation — all paid for by taxpayers.

But even beyond economics and policy analysis, this is a moral question.

Do we believe in limited government, personal liberty, and the right of individuals to live their lives without unnecessary interference? Or do we believe the state should police people's identities in private spaces?

I urge you to reject this bill.

We can address concerns about safety in ways that protect everyone — by enforcing existing laws

against harassment and assault, investing in privacy-enhancing restroom designs, and fostering respectful communities.

We do not need to single out one vulnerable group of people to accomplish that.

Please choose inclusion over exclusion. Safety over stigma. Dignity over division.

Thank you for your time



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Besides discriminating against transgender Missourians, this bill does NOTHING to improve the lives of Missourians who are seeing their bills and expenses rise while good paying jobs remain scarce. How about you quit attacking the rights of our tax paying citizens and focus on what Missourians truly want and need.



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I'm a licensed clinical psychologist of 13 yrs and have accrued 4,300 direct clinical hours with adult trans clients. I know the heart of who trans people are and I know this bill is only meant to hurt them further. Let's be clear: they are not predators and this bill, rather, further exposes them to discrimination and assault in bathrooms. Many trans people avoid public restrooms already for these reasons. They would rather be dehydrated and hold their bowels for hours than risk stares, mean comments, assault or just misgendering. This bill asks (trans)men with facial hair and deep voices to use women's spaces and (trans)women to enter men's spaces that are as risky as for (cis)women. You are protecting no one. You are just trying to gradually ban trans people altogether. And trust me when I say this is extremely damaging to trans people's psyche. Because of you, so many of them feel hated by Americans and fear for their safety. Please stop wasting taxpayer dollars on hate falsified as "protecting women." This isn't going to get you re-elected. Focusing on the economic problems of your constituents will.



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As a licensed clinical social worker, I am concerned about this bill as it is discriminatory and will cause significant distress for various groups of people living and working in Missouri. You are framing this bill as a protection against women, and it is anything but. I have seen students at our university and individuals I work with in therapy negatively impacted by exclusionary practices like that which you are attempting to move forward. To deny that there are transgender and non-binary people and relegate entire groups of people here in Missouri is abhorrent. I hope you will not move this bill forward, but rather oppose this bill and side with the many Missourians who do not meet the purported criteria of sex and gender. So many deserving constituents are already denied access to so many equal rights and protections. Please stop this attack on women's and all rights.



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I'm a constituent from 63146. As a parent and a teacher, I'm writing to urge you to **OPPOSE** this bill, one that would negatively impact the dignity, the freedom, and the physical safety of Missouri's trans youth like the young person my adult trans child, a proud Missourian, once was.

National crime statistics compiled by the Bureau of Justice for the four years from 2017 through 2020 showed the rate of violent victimization against transgender people to be two and half times the rate among cisgender people. In 2023 the FBI reported the highest number of anti-LGBTQ hate crimes to date.

Meanwhile, the scapegoating of trans people that is now at a fever pitch is being deliberately fueled by an unsubstantiated, fear-mongering claim that trans people are more likely to commit violence against girls and women. But research shows that nondiscriminatory bathroom policies that allow trans people to use the bathroom that aligns with their gender identity do not correlate to increased risk of such violence. A comprehensive 2018 study from UCLA concludes that "...the passage of such nondiscrimination laws is not related to the number or frequency of criminal incidents in such public spaces. Additionally, the results show that reports of privacy and safety violations in public restrooms, locker rooms, and changing rooms were exceedingly rare and much lower than statewide rates of reporting violent crimes more generally. This study provides evidence that fears of increased safety and privacy violations as a result of nondiscrimination laws are not empirically grounded." (See "Gender Identity Nondiscrimination Laws in Public Accommodations: a Review of Evidence Regarding Safety and Privacy in Public Restrooms, Locker Rooms, and Changing Rooms" at doi.org/10.1007/s13178-018-0335-z).

In fact, research also shows that discriminatory bathroom policies such as those this bill would advance actually increase the risk of violence against trans youth. See "School Restroom and Locker Room Restrictions and Sexual Assault Risk Among Transgender Youth" in *Pediatrics: the Official Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics* at doi.org/10.1542/peds.2018-2902).

We don't need to fear trans people. We need work towards a world that protects all people from violence, including cis women like me and trans people like my kid. As a mother and a teacher, I urge you: please do not make life harder and even more dangerous for kids like my the kid my child was and for adults like the adult my child now is by banning their access to bathrooms that align with their gender presentation and thus making them more vulnerable to harassment and attack. Please vote NO on this harmful bill.



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I'd like to begin with a question for this committee: what happened to "mind your business"? Why are we not concerned with subject matter that benefits the majority of citizens instead of targeting a few? According to the Williams Institute at UCLA Law (The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law, 2019), Missouri's entire LGBTQIA+ population is 3.8%, ranking us 38th in the entire country. Missouri has a transgender population of 0.2% of the entire population ages 13 and older. Why does this representative body INSIST on meddling in the affairs of LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF THE MISSOURI POPULATION? According to a study in the PMCID (PMCID: PMC8849575, Murchison, Agenor, Reisner, & Watson, 2022.), bathroom restrictions increase the risk of sexual assault on transgender, cisgender, and non-binary children. WHO IS ENSURING THESE PROPOSED BATHROOM STANDARDS ARE MAINTAINED? School resource officers? Security guards? Principals? Teachers? Pastors? Nurses? Police officers? It seems that these types of bills proposed offer extensive leeway for offenders to take advantage of something seemingly innocuous and turn it into something malicious. This state has ZERO law which mandates that any member of the church undergo a criminal background check and yet, with a quick 30 second Google search, I've found 14 pastors since 2020 who have been charged with sex crimes against minors in Missouri alone. I ask this committee, where were these heinous crimes committed? Bathrooms? With another quick search, I found that since 2020, three transgender people have been charged with sex crimes against minors. GLOBALLY. THREE. IN. THE. WORLD. These statistics, while terrible in nature of crime they report, are not as daunting as a few others I've found. As of 2025, roughly 13% of Missouri households are food-insecure. As of 2024, 14% of Missourians live below the poverty line (making less than \$24,000 per year per household for anyone keeping track), 7% of Missourians are uninsured, 3.9% are unemployed. Granted, this evidence is quickly found online, any idiot could find it if they knew how to type or text-to-type into Google. I'm sure this esteemed committee already knew all of these statistics and could recite each of their case studies verbatim, which is why I must admit that I'm surprised to see yet another attempt to strip the rights of the smallest population in our state when it is abundantly clear there are far more worrying statistics to concern ourselves with. One would think our representatives have better things to do with their time and with our taxpayer dollars than waste their energy on making a full-scale mountain off a pebble in their shoe for the simple means of political gain.



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As a faculty member at a university with an old campus and limited options for facilities change, these suggested laws are restrictive and could be damaging to the wellbeing of my students. It makes none of us safer to force people to use spaces that no one feels comfortable with them in. I'm horrified that these options are on the table, and the way the Republicans of the state of Missouri are meddling in private lives and decisions of people in our state is horrifying.



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This is anti-trans. People should be allowed to use the bathroom, no matter what they identify as, and gender-neutral bathrooms also exist.



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I am in opposition of this bill as it hurts children and targets trans Missourians for simply being themselves. I believe Missourians should be able to live authentically and urge the committee members to vote no.



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This is reductive and an unnecessary point of government overreach into private lives. This bill will harm more people than it claims to protect.



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My name is Lear Rose. I was born and raised in St Louis, Missouri, and currently live in Chesterfield in St Louis County. I am in strong opposition to this bill because It will harm all people's right to privacy and the ability to use the bathroom in peace. I want to remind you that it is illegal for people to enter any restroom to do harm. This bill is not protecting women It is simply harming trans people and anyone that the general public thinks is trans. Earlier in my transition I often used the women's restroom, I am biologically female. After being verbally assaulted in a women's restroom, for being trans, I often do not feel safe using the restroom in public spaces. I had to run out of the room for safety. I was simply trying to use the bathroom of my assigned sex, The bathroom that this law would have me use. In that instance everyone was uncomfortable: I was in danger, and the women I was sharing the restroom with felt threatened. Being able to use restrooms that align with your gender identity is more than a simple preference it is a vital and necessary part of being able to participate in daily life. I urge you to vote no.

Thank you.



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This bill does not actually support women's rights, safety, and lives. It is not based on any real evidence of transgender people causing risk to women's safety, because the evidence simply does not exist. Instead, this bill would put women and girls at risk of being harassed in public and at school and will cause more fearmongering and division, which only causes more harm and danger for women, girls, children, and everyone. As a citizen of Missouri I am asking you to listen to the people's voices and make the right decision by voting against this bill.



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Do not do this. There is no reason for these bills. It will only do more harm than good. We go to the bathroom to do our business and leave. If someone is going to hurt another person, a sign on the door is not going to stop an attacker. And do you seriously think that someone would go through HRT or sex change operations just to cause harm to others in a bathroom? I think not.



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This bill harms transgender people, certainly. They also harm all people, because often the people who are targeted are actually not even transgender, they just don't have a style that someone else likes, or they're really tall or have short hair. They're also going to cause harm economically. Please choose to vote against this bill. Thank you.



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Members of the Emerging Issues Committee,

My name is Emilia Stauffer. I am a resident of Springfield, MO. This testimony is being written in opposition to HB 2536 sponsored by Representative Laubinger.

I don't know how much time you spend in the bathroom, but most of the people I know walk in, use the facility to relieve themselves, hopefully wash their hands, then leave. If you ever speak to a single trans person about using the restroom, you might find out that for many of us going to public restrooms is one of the scariest things we might do in a day due to fear of harassment. However, I know that this has nothing to do with people actually going to the bathroom. It only has to do with winning points in the elections that are about to happen.

I will ask you this. Why are you obsessed with trans people? Your incessant focus on other people's genitalia, your constant sexualization of trans people, and your constant fetishization of trans people says more about your identity and morals than it does about our small community and our identities. This unyielding attack on a small community's right to urinate and defecate in public facilities is reprehensible.

I hope when you stand before God on judgment day, he shows more mercy to you than you have to those of us in the trans population today.

Wishing you well!



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The purpose of these bills is not safety or privacy. Trans women are women.



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This bill is a blatant attack on transgender Missourians that will not reduce harm to women but will, in fact, increase it. Efforts to restrict transgender people from public restrooms and similar spaces are based in fearmongering, not facts. Research shows no evidence of safety risks for cisgender people when trans people use restrooms aligning with their authentic gender; in fact, transgender people are at elevated risk for harassment and violence in these spaces, as are cisgender people who don't conform to traditional ideas of masculinity or femininity. Bills like this one lead to invasions of privacy for everyone who just wants to use the bathroom, locker room, changing room, or other similar facility in peace. Personally, as a woman with a shaved head and visible hair on my arms, I've experienced these invasions of privacy and questions about my gender — and it's never been from someone who actually cares about my safety. It's always been from a place of moral panic. It's dehumanizing, and bills like this one will only increase these experiences, something I wouldn't wish on anyone. I strongly oppose this bill and encourage the committee to do the same.



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Dear Members of the Missouri House of Representatives,

My name is Emily J. Alford. I am a Missouri resident and the mother of two transgender young adults who would be directly harmed by HB 2536. I urge this committee to vote no.

HB 2536 establishes legal definitions of "female" and "male" based solely on reproductive biology, then uses those definitions to mandate facility segregation in schools, correctional settings, and state buildings. The stated purpose is the protection of women. The practical effect is the forced outing and endangerment of transgender Missourians in their daily lives.

Several points deserve the committee's attention:

First, the definitions in this bill are medically incomplete. Biological sex involves a spectrum of chromosomal, hormonal, and anatomical characteristics. The American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Endocrine Society all oppose legislation that reduces sex to a single biological marker, noting that it does not reflect current scientific understanding and causes direct harm to transgender patients.

Second, no state that has enacted similar legislation has produced evidence of reduced safety incidents in covered facilities. Missouri would be enacting a solution to a problem that has not been documented, while creating a documented problem: increased vulnerability for transgender residents.

Third, this legislation disproportionately burdens transgender youth in school settings — a population already at significantly elevated risk for depression, anxiety, and self-harm. Research from the Trevor Project and similar organizations consistently finds that affirming environments, including access to facilities consistent with gender identity, substantially reduce those risks.

Missouri has a genuine interest in protecting the safety and dignity of all its residents — including its transgender residents. HB 2536 does not advance that interest. It trades the safety of one group for the perceived comfort of another, without evidence that either is served.

I respectfully ask this committee to table HB 2536 and instead pursue policies grounded in evidence, in compassion, and in the Missouri value of leaving people alone to live their lives.

Thank you for your time.



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My name is Emily Stoinski, and I am a registered Missouri voter. I am in strong opposition to HB 2536. I have used many multi-sex/gender spaces in my life, and I can share that I have never felt unsafe. I am also someone who previously had extremely short hair and was sometimes to be a man due to this. I see this bill and see that this is a way to police even cisgender women. Transgender individuals are not unsafe people. They are just individuals trying to live their life. I would also ask how intersex individuals are to abide by this proposed legislation.



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This is an attack on human rights. You should be ashamed if you support these bills.



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I do not support this bill.



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Protect women by prosecuting abusers and powerful criminals, not by bullying minorities.



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I oppose this bill.



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My name is Faye, and I am a Missouri resident writing in opposition to HB 2536. I want to address both what this bill claims to do and what it would actually do, because they are very different things.

This Bill Defines Women by Their Reproductive Utility

HB 2536 defines "female" as an individual who naturally has, had, will, or would have, but for a developmental or genetic anomaly, the reproductive system that produces eggs. Read that carefully. This bill does not define women by their identity, their lives, or their humanity. It defines them by their reproductive organs and their capacity to produce eggs.

Under this definition, a woman who has had a hysterectomy qualifies only because of the "would have" exemption. She is female by virtue of what her body used to be capable of. A woman born with certain intersex conditions may not qualify at all. The bill's sponsors claim to be protecting women while writing a definition of womanhood that many women themselves would not recognize. This is not protection. It is reduction.

The Domestic Violence Shelter Provision Is Especially Harmful

HB 2536 explicitly includes domestic violence shelters in its list of covered entities. This means a transgender woman fleeing an abusive partner could be turned away from the one place designed to protect her. Transgender women experience domestic violence at extremely high rates, often with fewer resources and less family support than cisgender women. This bill would deny them shelter at the moment of their greatest need. That is not women's protection. That is abandonment.

The Bill Creates the Problem It Claims to Prevent

Transgender men are people assigned female at birth who have transitioned and now live visibly and socially as men, often with full beards and masculine builds after years of hormone therapy. Under this bill, they would be legally required to use women's restrooms, changing rooms, and sleeping quarters. The very scenario this legislation claims to prevent, visibly male people in women's spaces, is the scenario it guarantees.

Now extend that to overnight school trips and locker rooms. This bill would require a trans man who presents as fully male to share sleeping quarters with girls on a school field trip. The parents who support this bill would be horrified by that outcome. They should be, because their own legislation requires it.

Who This Bill Actually Harms

HB 2536 would harm transgender students trying to learn, transgender survivors trying to escape violence, and transgender Missourians trying to live their daily lives with basic dignity. It would also inevitably lead to the harassment of gender-nonconforming people, including cisgender women who simply do not present femininely enough to satisfy whoever ends up policing the door.

There is no version of this bill that protects women without simultaneously endangering some of the

most vulnerable people in our state. I urge the committee to reject it.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye

Missouri Resident



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This doesn't actually protect women. It just torments children trying to live their lives and go to school.



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The definition of the sexes is changed to conform to the outcome of the bill. This bill will indiscriminately affect and punish innocent people attempting to enjoy their lives or live in regularity. To push fear unto these people is unnecessary and forces them out of privacy and into unsafe situations where there will be unneeded escalations. This bill is apparent in who it is meant to harm - those who lie in groups well-studied but not well-defined and exist outside of the realm of the biological sexes.



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This bill does nothing to actually protect women and serves to allow lawful discrimination of a specific class of people. It will put many endangered, including females and trans people. It is a terrifying proposition that those in power who are typically neither of those things are willing to name others and restrict their freedom of movement and expression through our law in this way. The division written into this bill is revolting and stands against the principles of what it means to be an American.



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We must protect women and girls including transgender girls and women from the REAL predators: cisgender MAGA males. Stop targeting the transgender community to be the main threat to this nation. Transgender people are getting discriminated and hurt by these bills, policies, resolutions. We got real problems in this state and our country then to listen to personal issues with a community. Vote No



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All people are equal and should not be discriminated against based on chosen sex.



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On the basis of what The United States was founded under- every individual deserves the right to freedom of how they present, how they live, and the privacy to their personal body and identity. Acting upon this bill would encourage a violation on the soul - and it's reach would be indiscriminate.



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I am writing in extreme concern for the subject matter of this bill. It has been brought to my attention that big government overreach is once again attempting to monitor and control other people's genitalia. This is a disgusting infringement upon everybody's right to use the restroom in private. Just as I'm sure no member of this legislative body is interested in having people watch them use the restroom, no person transgender or otherwise deserves to have big brother looking over their shoulder when they want to utilize bathroom services in peace. I have seen absolutely zero statistical evidence, nor have there been any factual stories of any transgender person entering a restroom and behaving in a predatory manner towards the people in the bathroom. Why is this such a huge issue for this governing body when children in Missouri are under performing educationally compared to the rest of the country. You have more important issues to deal with than this ridiculous witch hunt against a very tiny minority of Missourians. I am embarrassed at how obsessed my legislators are with other people's reproductive organs.



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WITNESS NAME: HAYLEE OLSEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill is clear government overreach. There is no evidence that this bill will make women safer. Please stop these unfounded, uneducated, hateful bills that discriminate and terrorize transgender people who have every right to exist and use restrooms that match their identity. A person's genitals and birth certificate information are none of your business.



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Again, why are you obsessed? It's weird.



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This is another feel good law with no actual protections. Stop legislating what you think we want and actually stay out of our medical business and start holding men accountable for their actions towards women rather than attaching your own beliefs over our words and wishes.



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I believe this will discriminate against trans people without improving quality of life or keeping anyone safe.



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As a woman, I'm not afraid of trans people, and restricting their access does not make me feel safer.



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This is not an issue worth legislating. There are numerous sex chromosome variations besides XX and XY, as well as hormonal sexual differentiation. To quote Shirley Chisholm, "The physical characteristics of men and women are not fixed, but cover two wide spans that have a great deal of overlap." And "Sex prejudice cuts both ways." Any law that seeks to define sex or gender will impact more than transgender individuals. Intersex people exist. There are cisgendered people who have more or less masculine or feminine features who will also be targeted for overzealous gender policing. Bills like these do nothing to stop those who already planned to break the law anyway to harm others. It only serves to further harm an already marginalized group. Pass bills that actually help people. Things related to the economy, healthcare, educational resources, and infrastructure.



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Research indicates no evidence of increased safety risks to cisgender people when trans individuals use restrooms matching their gender identity. Conversely, these laws subject transgender people to high rates of harassment and violence. These bills aren't motivated by privacy concerns — they're motivated by ignorance, misinformation, and fear. This legislative body should be more focused on educating our children and less so on where they're going to pee. Missouri regularly ranks near the bottom in K-12 education. We ranked 33rd in the country last year.



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I oppose HB 2536 because it seeks to narrowly define “man,” “woman,” and “sex” in ways that do not reflect the complexity recognized by medical and scientific communities. Gender identity and biological sex are not interchangeable concepts, and reducing them to rigid definitions ignores well-established research and lived realities.

There is natural biological variation among people, including intersex individuals and others whose characteristics do not fit strict binary definitions. Laws that enforce narrow definitions risk excluding transgender individuals from services, legal protections, and public life. This approach does not strengthen protections for women; instead, it marginalizes an already vulnerable population.

Disagreement with transgender identity is often rooted in personal belief systems rather than medical consensus or empirical evidence. Laws should protect people from harm, not create new risks. These bills would disproportionately harm Missouri’s LGBTQ+ community without providing clear, measurable benefits to women or public safety. As a cisgender woman, I do not feel safer because of these proposals — but I am concerned about the danger they pose to others.



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I am a concerned cis-ally & mental health professional against the passing of more legislation (HB 2536), targeting control under the guise of safety when these laws actually only target a minority of about 1% of the population who pose no threat to the public and simply wish to live their lives in peace. Yet, they are being persecuted at every turn by lawmakers wasting taxpayers money fixated on identity politics rather than any real issues limiting all our freedoms right now.

As far as I know there are NO institutions allowing trans people in common areas or youth in shared sleeping quarters. All I've ever heard are granted private accommodation. Yet from all these arguments against allowing trans people to use facilities where they feel safe and align with their gender presentation (still often using private stall areas), I have seen the backlash of increased fear, anxiety, stress & depression to the point that some young people don't eat or drink all day at school to try to avoid the issue all together. Also, should a trans person be held in juvenile detention or jail awaiting judgement, & later found NOT guilty, laws prohibiting their protection puts them through cruel & unnecessary punishment, possibly causing irreparable trauma.

Research (as far back as 2008) indicates NO evidence of a link between trans-inclusive bathroom policies and increased safety incidents, with studies showing that transgender people are far more likely to be victims of crime in restrooms rather than perpetrators.

Yet, forcing transgender individuals into bathrooms that do not match their gender identity increases their vulnerability to violence. Restricting bathroom access for transgender students is associated with higher risks of sexual assault (up to 36% in 1 year) per the UCLA Williams Institute on 2/19/25 referencing data from surveys in 2008, 2015, 2018, all citing increased harm to trans youth (1.2-2.4%) of verbal or physical harassment. Reports by Pediatrics published by the National Institute of Health in 2019 showed such restrictions that are proposed today are what create un-safe environments (which I would argue for everyone since this is known to escalate hostility towards even cis-people who go to the designated locations aligning with their biological sex but they may not "look" feminine or masculine enough for someone else). And should anyone wish to create a private school or meeting place for only trans people, would these laws prohibit that?

Finally, July 2017 Police Foundation non-partisan report survey of data from 4 states found NO evidence (from 2013-2016) of any reported assaults by people presenting as a gender differing from their birth sex. 90% of assaults were on women but 8/10 were committed by an acquaintance or intimate partner of the victim. This type of data has been replicated time and again since but our MO

lawmakers don't seem to be swayed by facts over their own personal feelings of prejudice against a freedom of expression and individuation which they cannot seem to comprehend. All we want is the same thing - for ALL residents to be safe. So please do not make it MORE dangerous for our trans citizens, friends, & family to simply exist.

Citations:

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Imagine my disappointment when I looked up the text of this bill to find nothing prohibiting child marriage or compelling release of the Epstein files, but instead a bunch of ignorant, bigoted, barely coherent nonsense scapegoating a tiny section of the population that poses no threat to anyone. If you want to "pRoTeCt WoMeN," go after the Rapist-in-Chief Pedophile Protector residing at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC and leave our neighbors alone.



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As a woman, I don't believe this bill will "protect" me in any way whatsoever. It serves no purpose beyond subjecting a subset of our population to cruel and humiliating discrimination. I would also like to testify as a mother. Not only will this bill do nothing to safeguard my children, it will add to the long list of reasons they want to flee Missouri. My oldest child has already moved away because they had no interest in pursuing their future in a state led by bigoted fools who care more about bullying people than helping people. Bills like this will ensure that our state continues to lose its best and brightest and that we'll continue to repel new residents, investors, and tourists. The people of this state are struggling and our representatives are sitting around obsessing about peoples' genitals. It's shameful. I implore you to reject this ridiculous bill and focus on work that will actually improve the lives of Missourians.



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As a woman, born with XX chromosomes, this bill is works to restrict people who were not born in the right body. This bill purports to protect women and children, but it does not. Legislators continue to focus on discriminating against these individuals instead of protecting ALL Missourians. The Legislators do more harm with these bills than the small number of trans folks in Missouri could ever do. Turn your legislative lens on punishing men who rape and violate others; that's a much larger group that's causing harm to Missourians than the ones this bill is aimed at.



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I do not support legalizing Segregation.



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Dear Sir or Madam,

I stand firmly opposed to the frantic and urgent attempt to pass each of these matters.

Passing these bills will make each trans or non-binary child in Missouri schools unsafe. These are kids that are trying to figure it out, and this will make their experiences growing up potentially humiliating.

Please vote these down.

Regards,
J.P.
(Kansas City, Missouri)



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It has been proven time and time again that straight men are the ones dangerous to women! Look at the stats! Stop trying to villainize the trans community!
Why are we going after them instead of all the abusers listed in the Epstein files? Who raped, ate and sacrificed children! Answer that!



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You are not protecting women by not allowing people to use the restroom



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I am in strong opposition of HB 1893, 2075 and 2536. Missouri state legislators should be spending their limited resources on things that actually help our citizens, especially our vulnerable populations: the elderly, our children, those in need. These bills only serve to discriminate and intimidate. They are a **WASTE OF TIME AND TAXPAYER DOLLARS**. Please use your positions of power to lift people up, not pick unnecessary fights with what bathroom people are allowed to use. Come on. This is an awful lot of focus on restricting personal freedoms for the party of small government and free will.



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This bill is short-sighted and does not consider its own results. Housing people who have transitioned in rooms relating to their biological sex is absurd and harmful for all involved. Because of this bill, youngs girl going to college will be sharing a room with someone who looks, acts, and dresses like a man. The same is true for young men, who will be sharing a dorm room with someone who appears to be a woman. This is going to harm and confuse cis and trans people alike.



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Please stop these anti-trans, harmful bills from passing. Our trans community is small but mighty, and these bills send harmful messages to our most vulnerable population. Please let trans folks live, they deserve to exist in peace!



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I am a woman, and I don't think this is designed to protect women. I think Missouri Republicans are just joining in a blatantly-discriminatory trend that is sweeping the red states. It is offensive to me that this is called Women's Protection. We don't need protecting from trans women. If the state could put its energies into the poverty that is killing us, or the lack of adequate health care, that would be good for women. This bill isn't needed, and I hope the Emerging Issues committee will table it and move on to something that actually helps Missourians.



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This is b.s.! How will this make our roads better, improve our health or safety or make my groceries cheaper?! Do your job! Make my life better and leave our trans neighbors alone!



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Missouri HB 2536 sponsored by Rep. Becky Laubinger, proposes to restrict transgender students' participation in school sports, access to bathrooms, and shared sleeping quarters based on their biological sex as listed on their birth certificate erases the existence of Intersex people.

Intersex people have natural, biological variations in sex characteristics—including chromosomes, gonads, or genitals—that do not fit typical binary definitions of male or female bodies. It is a common, natural variation and is based on physical biology, not sexual orientation or gender identity. Intersex is not a condition you chose, a medical problem, a developmental or genetic anomaly or an ideology – it's human nature. Intersex people do exist.

I am an Intersex individual who was mistakenly assigned male at birth. Mistakenly because my genetic mosaic leans more towards being classified as female by your standards and definitions. At birth my primary sexual characteristics appeared male, so I was assigned male at birth. Again mistakenly.

I was diagnosed via genetic testing that a major portion of my chromosomes are XXY. My body does not produce testosterone, and I have an exorbitant amount of estrogen. During puberty there was no masculinization of my body, my secondary sexual characteristics caused a surge in hormones thus resulted in breast development, widened hips, higher pitched voice, less body hair, and increased body fat. I developed a female body frame.

My entire life I have always looked feminine and identified as female. Even when society dictates otherwise.

Therefore, due to Rep. Laubinger's proposed bill based on biological sex I and 2% of my fellow Missourians, approximately 125,400 people would have no restroom, locker room, or shower to use in public. No shelter to seek refuge from a violent domestic situation. The Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (DHEWD) reports higher education institutions have enrollment totaling around 569,000 students. This also means 11,380 college students are affected by this proposed bill. Intersex people should not be erased and deserve protection.

Let's talk about Trans women and the effects of this bill on them.

Trans women continue to experience high rates of domestic and intimate partner violence (IPV) in 2026, with studies indicating that over 50% of transgender individuals face such abuse in their lifetime.

Recent data shows that 88% of trans women face a significantly higher risk compared to cisgender women, often involving trans-specific abuse and physical violence.

Dating violence is highly prevalent in higher education, with studies indicating that approximately 1 in 3 women and 1 in 10 men on college campuses experience it. Up to 43%–54% of college students report experiencing abusive dating behaviors, including emotional, physical, or sexual abuse. 6.5% of transgender women reporting dating abuse at higher education institutions.

Transgender women experience high rates of abuse, harassment, and violence within domestic violence and homeless shelters, along with significant discrimination when trying to access them. Studies indicate that 70% of trans individuals who accessed shelters faced harassment, abuse, or were forced out.

Transgender women in men's prisons are a ready target for extortion, exploitation and assault. A Black Trans woman raped 14 times by inmates and staff in men's prison. 37% of incarcerated transgender women reported having been sexually assaulted in prison, versus 3% of everyone else behind bars. Transgender women also tell of being forced into sex work, "pimped" out by fellow prisoners who offer their bodies for money or drugs.

This bill that bases its foundation on the theory of 2 sexes is inherently incorrect and totally erases the existence of tax paying Intersex Missourians and puts Transgender women at risk for more violence. Trans Rights are Human Rights and Intersex rights are human rights, and I have the right to use the restroom, locker room or shower in public that aligns with my biological genetic composition and not solely based on genitalia.

Biological sex is a multidimensional construct comprising a combination of chromosomes, gonads, hormones, internal reproductive organs, and external genitalia, rather than just genitalia. Sex is a complex constellation of biological traits that develop over time, not just at birth. Because these factors do not always align in a binary manner, biological sex is viewed as a spectrum or a multi-faceted trait rather than a rigid, strict binary concept.

This bill, titled for the "protection of women," is supposed to protect all women, including Trans women. Trans women are women. In actuality it puts Trans women in more harm and totally erases Intersex people.

Therefore, please vote no on Missouri House Bill 25365.



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Missouri was fine without this law for more than 200 years and does not need more government oversight of something as personal as bathroom use. If someone is so offended by the presence of someone else, that is their problem and it is not the state's role to segregate on their behalf.



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I write in firm opposition to HB2536 in Missouri.

This bill is a misguided and irresponsible proposal that fails to reflect the priorities of the people it claims to serve. Instead of advancing practical, constructive solutions, HB2536 threatens to create unnecessary harm and division. It is frustrating to see legislative energy spent on measures that do not strengthen our communities or improve the daily lives of Missourians.

Our state deserves leadership grounded in accountability, sound judgment, and respect for the broader impact of public policy. I strongly urge lawmakers to reject HB2536 and redirect their focus toward legislation that genuinely benefits Missouri families and communities.



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This will further endanger the existence of trans and intersex people, whom represent a sizable amount of the population in Missouri. This kind of language allows for others to persecute trans and intersex individuals with no real judgement whatsoever. They are people with valid identities that actively contribute to our society in a positive manner.



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As a transgender Missourian, I am begging you to stop targeting us. We are such a small part of the population. Please use my tax dollars to improve people's lives instead of villainizing a very small group of people who are already vulnerable. We are just people.



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This bill will create difficulties for all residents in MO. There is no clear way to enforce the law this bill has the potential to create, and I, as a woman, feel plenty safe going to the restrooms in public areas.



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If you ask "what is a woman" (or a man, but for simplicity's sake let's take that as assumed), you are essentially asking for a definition of a category of people. You are seeking criteria or a test that can be applied to anyone, and that will faithfully tell you whether that person is, in fact, a woman.

That's fine. Nothing wrong with definitions. But let's be very clear what we're thus looking for a test that:

- ?can distinguish women from non-women, and
- ?successfully identifies all women. That is, it must be 100% accurate. It cannot leave any women out, and cannot accidentally identify any non-women as women. (i.e. no false positives and no false negatives.)

100% is a pretty stringent level of accuracy to reach, but it necessarily must be so: the question essentially asks "what are the defining qualities of women", in which case all women must share those qualities, whatever they might be, literally by definition. And conversely, no non-woman can also share all such qualities, or by definition, that person would also be a woman!

And anyway, whoever asked the "what is a woman" question can hardly cringe at requiring such a high standard, can they? One presumes they want a reliable answer to their question, right?

Moreover, as a less purely logical but definitely common-sense criteria, we should add one more thing to our test:

- ?it should agree with "obvious" cases.

That is to say, if you can point to someone who everyone agrees is a woman (e.g. Gal Godot or somebody), then the test should also indicate that they're a woman. Likewise, the test should never identify as a woman someone everyone agrees is a man. Otherwise, you permit non-sensical tests which, for example, might be pointlessly restrictive or pointlessly broad, to the extent that they are useless for any actual purpose within society. There will always be edge cases of people where everyone doesn't all agree that that person is a woman, but that's exactly why we need this test, right? That's exactly why the question is being asked in the first place. We want a test that is definitely correct for the obvious cases, so we can have confidence that it's right for the edge cases too.

And again, whoever asked the question shouldn't object to that requirement either, because after all, they are asking the question in the context of a society, and one presumes they want to be able to apply the test in actual social settings.

Now that we know what properties such a test should have--gives a yes/no answer for everyone and is never wrong (which implicitly means it will agree with the obvious cases anyway)--we can start to ask what the test is looking for.

Here, we can work from the outside in, from the superficial to the internal, and see where we end up.

Perhaps the measure of a woman is in clothing, hairstyles, and makeup? The most obvious, most superficial measure of all. Except, no, that can't be right. Such a test would identify skillful drag queens as women, even though everyone (including the drag queens!) agrees that they are not women.

Fine, then. Get rid of the clothes and go one layer deeper. Maybe the measure of a woman is her boobs and vagina. Except, no, that can't be right either. What if you have a vagina but no boobs? Either because they're too small, or because of breast cancer, or because you're pre-pubescent? And boob-growth is a continuous process, so how do you draw the line between what is and isn't "enough boob" to qualify someone as a woman?

Well, if boobs are problematic, then what about reproductive capability? Except, again, what if you don't have that? There are plenty of people who society absolutely agrees are women even though they're infertile. Maybe they have really bad PCOS. Maybe they had a hysterectomy. Maybe their bodies never developed a uterus in the first place (this happens in something like 1 out of every 10000 female births).

Ok, forget reproduction. Maybe the measure of a woman is the absence of a penis! Ha! What about that? Sure. So long as you're willing to say that soldiers who got their dicks blown off when their Humvee drove over an IED are women, then I guess that works. Oh, you're not willing to say that? Yeah, neither am I. Also, that fails the "obvious cases" criteria.

Is it hormones? Does that determine womanhood? Well, no, because a) hormones change throughout life so there's no single determinative standard you could use for hormone levels, and b) again sometimes medical conditions mess with your hormones in ways that would make the test disagree with some obvious cases of women.

But the chromosomes! Show me those two X chromosomes! Well, hate to disappoint you, but there are a lot of genetic conditions that can yield people who are obvious cases of women yet don't have the typical two-X chromosome pattern. People who, if this was your test, you would absolutely for sure swear were completely obvious women, until you looked at their chromosomes. The most extreme example of this is CAIS, which yields an individual with XY chromosomes but with the most extreme feminization possible because their bodies simply do not respond at all to androgen hormones. Like, literally the most feminine people possible are CAIS XY individuals. And if that's not enough to get someone to shut up about chromosomes, then I don't know what.

Fine, so not chromosomes. Maybe the measure of womanhood is something less tangible. Maybe it's life experiences. After all, women are socialized different and have different experiences growing up. Women are subject to marginalizations that men aren't. Perhaps this is the test we need!

—Except it doesn't work, because socialization and marginalization are very different from one society to another. Which means that, like with the boobs, you can't have one standard that correctly identifies all women. This fails one of the basic requirements for our test. And, coarsely speaking, such a test would say that women in matriarchal societies, where women are the politically dominant gender, are not women. Or that the Queen of England is not a woman because she has too much status and power. C'mon.

So, jeez, what is left? Everything we can possibly measure doesn't work because some people still manage to be obviously women while not fitting that measurement! And, yeah. That's the problem with human diversity, borne of our messy biology and equally messy nature as social animals. We are so diverse that any such measures will inevitably fail.

But there is one thing left. One thing that doesn't have this problem. That thing is a woman's inner

gender identity. This one thing is different precisely because it is not subject to external measurement. It is only measurable subjectively. Internally, within the woman's own mind.

Which is exactly the conclusion we should come to. Because the measure of a woman--that is, whether you should label someone else as a woman--is not something you can measure. It is not something externally visible, not even if you amplify the power of your vision with microscopes and biochemical testing.

The measure of a woman is that her gender identity is female. And because gender identity is inherently subjective, because it is a phenomenon that emerges from the complex operation of our minds, because it is an essential aspect of our deepest selves, it can only be observed by our selves.

I, and I alone, am capable of observing what my gender identity truly is. You, and you alone, are capable of observing what your gender identity truly is. Neither of us has any authority whatsoever to declare what the other's gender identity is based on anything we can observe or even theoretically observe.

If you want to know if someone is a woman, the literal and logical best you can do is to ask her, and to believe her answer. Subjective determination must be the the measure of a woman, because all other tests fail. This is all that's left.

That is why "what is a woman", or "what is a man", are such a profoundly pro-trans questions. Because if you actually take those questions seriously, they force you down a line of reasoning which ends at respecting everyone's autonomy to determine and assert what their own identity is. Leave our rights to freedom to live unmolested by the state ALONE and don't tell me you're going to start checking my pants.



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Stop using this issue to try and distract what Missourians are actually concerned: gas, groceries, civil liberties, lower taxes, Epstein Files transparency, no more wars, ending ICE.



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Laws like this only lead to harassment of everyone who doesn't "look" right, and they're a waste of time and resources to enforce. Legislators should attempt to fix real problems in Missouri.



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"Colored Bathrooms" all over again. Do you know anyone that has been molested? Family members, church leaders... This law is because some people are "uncomfortable" but that comfort does not justify discrimination!!! Oh and let's mention the ballot candy slipped in there - transgender discrimination in sports! Vote no on this bill, do NOT ammend and extend this law!!!!



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Missouri politicians should focus on matters that are actually important to their constituents and not on things that are so intensely private and also have nothing to do with safety or “protecting” women and children. Please stop wasting time on hateful bills and focus on affordable healthcare, quality education, the rising cost of living, roads and things that will actually improve our lives.



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I am Kate Longacre, an architect who grew up in Columbia and now live in Kansas City. If any of these bills pass it will sow nothing but suffering for our trans friends and neighbors. I'm standing in opposition to this assault on their rights. Something as simple as using the restroom should be up to them to choose what restroom they are most comfortable in. As an architect these conversations are had constantly. There has been an increase in private gender neutral restrooms in architecture. A key example for these restrooms is in our brand new airport. Please consider that life is already difficult as a trans person, making laws like this only hurt those who are vulnerable. The people who wrote these laws need to listen to their people. The creation of these bills are a complete waste of resources. We need to be focused on the housing crisis and the economy NOT our friends and neighbors bathroom rights.



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I oppose these bills because of their direct attack on transgender Missourians. Transgender people have been part of our society throughout society & they deserve the same rights as you & I. The idea of policyming people's bodies in such a primal & privat ways do more harm than good. It will not protect anyone from acutal harm but will perpetrate some. Studies have shown transgender people are more likely to be victims rather than perpetrators. Protect all Missourians rather than letting personal prejudices and lack of medical understanding harm our citizens. Just because you don't agree or lack medical understanding, follow the studies and science that proves transgenderism is normal. Do not put restrictions on them that you yourselves don't have.



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Lawmakers again are so interested in people's genitals. As a woman, I don't give a fuck if a boy has to use the restroom that is labeled "women" because he's on a sports team and they must share a locker room. Can we be serious, please about the real issues women face in Missouri? This doesn't affect our lives in any beneficial way.



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To the Members of the House Emerging Issues Committee:

My name is Keisha Messina and I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to HB 2536. HB 2536 repeals existing statutory definitions and replaces them with newly constructed definitions under the banner of “women’s protection.” While framed as clarifying language, the bill instead narrows legal recognition in ways that exclude transgender Missourians and introduce broad legal uncertainty.

1. Redefining “Female” Alters the Foundation of Missouri Law

HB 2536 replaces long-standing statutory language with a biologically restrictive definition of “female” tied to reproductive capacity — including language about individuals who “naturally have, had, will, or would have” reproductive systems that produce eggs.

This definition:

Centers legal status on reproductive function rather than lived identity or legal recognition

Excludes transgender women

Raises questions about how individuals with intersex variations or medical conditions are classified

Rewriting foundational definitions affects education policy, athletics, housing, corrections, and potentially employment protections. This is not a narrow clarification — it is a structural change to Missouri law.

2. The Bill Extends Beyond Definitions into Mandatory Segregation

HB 2536’s implications include:

Prohibiting students from participating in athletics aligned with their gender identity

Requiring separation of sleeping quarters and private areas based strictly on birth certificate sex

These provisions disproportionately affect transgender youth, who already face elevated risks of bullying, isolation, and mental health challenges.

Policies that single out students for exclusion increase harm rather than enhance safety.

3. Legal Risk and Constitutional Concerns

By codifying biological definitions that conflict with evolving federal interpretations of sex discrimination under Title IX and related civil rights law, Missouri risks:

Costly litigation

Loss of federal funding tied to nondiscrimination compliance

Conflicting obligations for public schools and universities

The state should not place institutions in legal jeopardy through sweeping definitional changes.

4. “Women’s Protection” Should Not Come at the Expense of Other Women

The framing of this bill suggests that recognizing transgender women undermines protections for cisgender women. There is no evidence that inclusive policies reduce safety or fairness.

Protecting women from violence, discrimination, and economic inequity requires:

Addressing domestic violence

Expanding healthcare access

Ensuring workplace equity

Redefining statutory language to exclude a small minority of students does not materially advance women's safety.

5. Government Should Not Police Biology

The proposed language invites enforcement challenges:

Who determines biological classification?

What documentation is required?

How are disputes resolved?

Embedding reproductive criteria into statute invites invasive scrutiny and administrative confusion.

Closing

HB 2536 represents a broad redefinition of legal terms that will affect education, public facilities, and civil rights across Missouri. It introduces exclusionary standards, legal uncertainty, and significant fiscal risk — all while claiming to advance protection.

Missouri can protect women without redefining personhood in ways that exclude others.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to reject HB 2536.

Thank you for your consideration.



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This bill injects govt oversight into private lives of individuals. Enforcement will entail and justify such horrors of genital inspections of minors. It addresses no actual problem, helps nobody, and hurts so many people, transgender and otherwise.



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This is a violation of their rights. No trans person has ever affected me or my life in anyway. However, Missouri republicans have taken away our rights.



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Please try to use your Christian teachings and understand the true impact you are looking to harm you will be causing, specifically looking at Jesus's teachings and the 9th Commandment.

If using common sense, there are many reasons why implementing legislation on a community you clearly do not understand harms the community at large. The unintended consequences of the intentional harm you wish to inflict will come back to hurt families and children (the folks you pretending to protect). Legislating which bathroom individuals use could mean a mother sending their young son into a busy public bathroom with no way to ensure their safety. What about a young girl who may not look conventionally female? Will we subject her to a genital examination to prove who she is? The trauma doesn't feel worth it. Sadly, we have more evidence of this occurring today than Trans individuals causing issues in restrooms.

Trans people are just trying to do their business in peace among individuals that are more similar to them than dissimilar, without fearing for their life.

Trans individuals don't cause harm in bathrooms, statics show this, common sense shows this, and meeting trans folk should help you realize this. Focus on things that would actually help Missourians.



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This is an absurd, scientifically illiterate, ridiculous masquerade of legislation of a solution looking for a problem. This will do nothing but waste tax payer dollars and is also completely unenforceable. I know that y'all are very uninformed on this subject, but intersex people really do exist through no choice of their own. Trans men exist who have beards, muscles, penises, etc and forcing them in women's spaces is going to cause the issues you think you're preventing. Do you really think hopping on THIS partisan train is what's going to save your seats in November? Listen to your constituents. Support ALL Missourians to be safe and focus on lowering the cost of groceries and making sure rural hospitals don't get shut down. I can only hope enough Missourians have gained enough common sense to finally vote for people who actually represent their wants rather than this clown show.



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I urge you to vote NO on House Bill 2536. This legislation is a solution in search of a problem that does not exist, and it represents a cruel and discriminatory attack on some of the most vulnerable members of our communities: transgender Missourians.

This bill is not about safety. It is about forcing transgender people—including children—out of public life. By dictating who can use which restroom, locker room, or shelter based on outdated and overly prescriptive definitions of sex inserted into Section 1.020, HB 2536 codifies stigma. It tells transgender students, employees, and residents that they do not belong and that their very identity is invalid.

The claims that this law is necessary to protect women are misleading. There is no evidence that allowing transgender individuals to use facilities consistent with their gender identity has led to any increase in safety incidents. Instead, this bill will endanger transgender individuals by making them targets for harassment and violence when they are forced to use facilities where they do not feel safe or welcome. It forces a transgender man—who lives as a man—to use a women's facility, creating discomfort for everyone involved and putting him at risk.

For our youth, the consequences are particularly severe. This bill singles out transgender children in our schools. Studies consistently show that supporting transgender youth in their identity leads to better mental health outcomes. Conversely, rejection and forced outing increase risks of depression, anxiety, and suicide. By creating a private cause of action against schools that respect a student's identity, HB 2536 invites litigation and fearmongering, turning our public schools into battlegrounds for culture wars instead of safe places for learning.

Furthermore, the bill's provisions on athletics are redundant and cruel. The Missouri State High School Activities Association already has policies in place. This bill does not create fairness; it creates exclusion. It forces young women to undergo invasive scrutiny to "prove" their sex based on outdated birth certificates, a standard that is both humiliating and scientifically flawed.

This legislation also ignores the reality of families and individuals who do not fit neatly into the boxes of "male" and "female" as defined in this bill. It makes no reasonable accommodation for intersex individuals or others whose biological characteristics do not align with the bill's narrow definitions.

Missouri faces real challenges: funding our schools, supporting working families, and improving healthcare access. HB 2536 is a divisive distraction that wastes legislative time and state resources. It

will harm our state's reputation, making it harder to attract businesses and families who value inclusivity and respect for all.

I ask you to stand against discrimination and for the dignity of every Missourian. Reject HB 2536.



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I vehemently oppose HB 2536. Another piece of legislation attacking trans people. Trans people are some of the kindest people you will ever meet. There are more than two genders. Remember, we aren't a Christian nation. We are a nation of people who have the freedom to choose to participate in any religion or not, Stop forcing your religious beliefs upon us! There are more than two genders.



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After listening to the hearing, it's terrifyingly obvious that the bill sponsor hasn't even taken a minute to think through the many unintended consequences that come with this lazy legislation. I'm stunned by how confidently wrong the bill sponsor is about so many parts of this legislation. I strongly urge the committee to vote no and demand better of your colleagues.



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As a teacher and I mother, I urge you to oppose this bill. We do not need to fear trans people. We need work towards a world that protects all people from violence, including cis women like me and trans people like several of my students. Please vote NO on this harmful bill.



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This is a ridiculous waste of my tax paying dollars to continuously harass people of the LgBTQIA community. These "bathroom bills" are not aimed at protecting women. They are directly designed to harm people. As a mother of a 16 year old girl, let me make it clear, I do not care what bathroom trans people want to use. I'm much more terrified of your pedophile president and his billionaire band of cannibals than any single trans person. Stop wasting my money on things that do not improve our lives. In fact, if you'd like to protect women, let's talk about the number one abusers of women-heterosexual MEN. Overwhelmingly straight white men are a threat to women in this country. Stop trying to shove your weird religious garbage into our political sphere and do something that might just make Jesus happy...like feed a homeless veteran. Stop wasting our resources on this garbage



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My name is Dr. Hermann, and I am a career educator and a resident of mid-Missouri. I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 2536. This bill represents a significant overreach of state government into the private, day-to-day activities of Missourians while failing to address any documented safety issues.

As a researcher and educator, I seek data to support policy. There is no empirical evidence to suggest that allowing transgender individuals to use facilities consistent with their gender identity increases safety risks for others. In fact, research from the UCLA Williams Institute recently showed that it is the transgender population that faces a higher risk of verbal harassment and physical assault when forced into facilities that do not match their presentation.

My perspective as a woman fuels my belief that if we force a feminine-presenting trans woman into a men's restroom based on her "birth gender," we are intentionally placing her in a high-risk situation for abuse and violence. This legislation essentially mandates the victimization of our fellow citizens by men who may react with hostility to their presence. As a woman, I am much more concerned about the safety of my neighbors than I am about who is in the stall next to me. The idea that this legislation is about protecting women is laughable. Do you know any trans people? I hope you have the opportunity to meet them, hear their stories, and see them for the human beings they are, just the same as you.

Missouri families are currently struggling with the rising costs of groceries, utilities, and housing. Spending legislative time and taxpayer money to regulate bathroom usage is a massive distraction from the "kitchen table" issues that impact our state's quality of life. We should be focused on lifting people up and ensuring they can afford their lives, not on creating new, unenforceable barriers that target a vulnerable minority.

I urge this committee to reject this bill and refocus on the pressing economic and educational needs of our state.

Respectfully,

Dr. Hermann



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Opposition Testimony to Missouri HB 2536

To the Members of the House Emerging Issues Committee:

My name is Lauren and I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to HB 2536.

HB 2536 repeals existing statutory definitions and replaces them with newly constructed definitions under the banner of “women’s protection.” While framed as clarifying language, the bill instead narrows legal recognition in ways that exclude transgender Missourians and introduce broad legal uncertainty.

1. Redefining “Female” Alters the Foundation of Missouri Law

HB 2536 replaces long-standing statutory language with a biologically restrictive definition of “female” tied to reproductive capacity — including language about individuals who “naturally have, had, will, or would have” reproductive systems that produce eggs.

This definition:

Centers legal status on reproductive function rather than lived identity or legal recognition

Excludes transgender women

Raises questions about how individuals with intersex variations or medical conditions are classified

Rewriting foundational definitions affects education policy, athletics, housing, corrections, and potentially employment protections. This is not a narrow clarification — it is a structural change to Missouri law.

2. The Bill Extends Beyond Definitions into Mandatory Segregation

HB 2536’s implications include:

Prohibiting students from participating in athletics aligned with their gender identity

Requiring separation of sleeping quarters and private areas based strictly on birth certificate sex

These provisions disproportionately affect transgender youth, who already face elevated risks of bullying, isolation, and mental health challenges.

Policies that single out students for exclusion increase harm rather than enhance safety.

3. Legal Risk and Constitutional Concerns

By codifying biological definitions that conflict with evolving federal interpretations of sex discrimination under Title IX and related civil rights law, Missouri risks:

Costly litigation

Loss of federal funding tied to nondiscrimination compliance

Conflicting obligations for public schools and universities

The state should not place institutions in legal jeopardy through sweeping definitional changes.

4. “Women’s Protection” Should Not Come at the Expense of Other Women

The framing of this bill suggests that recognizing transgender women undermines protections for cisgender women. There is no evidence that inclusive policies reduce safety or fairness.

Protecting women from violence, discrimination, and economic inequity requires:

Addressing domestic violence

Expanding healthcare access

Ensuring workplace equity

Redefining statutory language to exclude a small minority of students does not materially advance women’s safety.

5. Government Should Not Police Biology

The proposed language invites enforcement challenges:

Who determines biological classification?

What documentation is required?

How are disputes resolved?

Embedding reproductive criteria into statute invites invasive scrutiny and administrative confusion.

Closing

HB 2536 represents a broad redefinition of legal terms that will affect education, public facilities, and civil rights across Missouri. It introduces exclusionary standards, legal uncertainty, and significant fiscal risk — all while claiming to advance protection.

Missouri can protect women without redefining personhood in ways that exclude others.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to reject HB 2536.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Restricting transgender people from gendered spaces does nothing to improve anyone's material safety. The only impact is that those with prejudices against trans people do not have to weather the mild discomfort of being in the same room as one. Transgender people are, however, made to publicly embarrass themselves, become the subject of invasive scrutiny, and possibly face legal consequences for peeing in the wrong toilet. For those who see this as positive, it's worth mentioning bathroom bills in other states have also caused some cisgender people to be inappropriately questioned by paranoid patrons. These bills serve no purpose but enabling harassment.



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Please stop wasting time and taxpayer money to elevate your hate. It is ironic as this is coming from the party of small government, free will and not treading on peoples' freedoms. But clearly those ideals are only for cisgender people that align with the GOP agenda. Personally I would rather leave my 9 year old in the care of a person that is transgender than our current sitting president. Enough of this already. Focus on lifting up Missourians - providing affordable housing, jobs, healthcare, and quality of life rather than concerning yourselves with a transgendered person's genitalia.



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As a woman, stop trying to protect me. You're actually very bad at it and it's become more and more unsafe and limiting to be a woman in this country.



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This bill does not protect women. As a woman, I understand that the agenda driving this is against the constitutional and most basic rights and freedoms of human being like using the restroom. This overreach and big government control and intrusion is stated in multiple Bills with deceiving wording like protecting women. This is not why we need protection from. We need protection from the hate and discrimination it purports. Vote no and respect all of our citizens equally.



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I urge you to vote no on this bill. I'm a Manchester Missourian who also parents a trans child. This bill would subject them to harassment, further marginalization and possible violence. People should not police others in the bathroom. Most trans folks look like the gender they identify as- so forcing them to use the opposite bathroom causes problems. They also are not harming anyone- they are trying to use the bathroom. This is not a problem. Instead, focus on actual violence that occurs to women and girls. That is a problem and needs your help. This issue does not. You are harming people with legislation like this. Please stop and show some compassion for this vulnerable group.



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It's really amazing to me how many lawmakers think trans women went through years of therapy, hormone replacement therapy, and corrective surgeries as an elaborate ruse to gawk at women in the bathroom....and then you completely ignore the existence of trans men, which bills like this will force into our delicate female spaces. So passing laws like this actually will force men into female spaces...but you're doing it to protect women, sure.....those of us in bathrooms or changing rooms are merely trying to use the bathroom or get changed. Stop pushing your perversion onto others.



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I urge you to vote against HB1893, HB2075, HB2536, and any other future bills like them.

These bills are deeply short-sighted, not practically enforceable, and extremely harmful, even if they may be founded in good intentions.

My name is Logan. I am a Missourian and a transgender man. I was born and raised in St. Louis, and I graduated from Truman State University. After 15+ years of living in other states for graduate school and jobs, I moved back to St. Louis in 2021 and remain a resident of the city today.

I was thought to be female when I was born, but I am a man. I have been out and living my life as a man for nearly two decades now, and soon, in fact, I will have lived more of my life as a man than I did as a woman.

Since this is written testimony, I'd like to describe my appearance: I have a full beard and a very traditionally masculine appearance. I work out regularly and (I'd like to believe) it shows. Strangers do not know I am transgender. If I didn't tell you myself, you would not know either.

But these bills, especially HB2075 and HB2536, would require me to use the women's restroom. These bills' rules and definition of "sex" would force me—a bearded, muscular, and traditionally masculine appearing man, nearing the age of 40—to use the women's room. This would not only make me but every woman around me deeply uncomfortable, to say the very least. And it would make no one safer.

I share this to highlight one of the many short-sighted aspects of these bills and others like them. While the intent may be to prevent men from entering women's restrooms, these bills would instead force that exact scenario to happen (as illustrated by me being required to use the women's room).

What's more, bathroom bills like these have no possible way to be practically enforced. If I were to use the women's room, as these bills would require, and I were confronted by someone rightfully confused by my presence there, how would I go about "proving" that I am in the bathroom the law requires? Will the state post guards at every public bathroom and demand some kind of proof? And what proof will that be? Will I, and anyone else using a public restroom, be forced to tell or even show a stranger our genitals to gain access?

(As a sidenote, it is humiliating and grotesque to be forced to discuss my genitals in public testimony

to my own elected officials. This is another illustration of the harm of these bills, even if they don't become law: they treat people like me as if we aren't real humans who are deeply affected by our own elected officials debating our bodies, our very existence, and whether we're even safe to be around.)

Perhaps most importantly, if these bills become law, they will cause the very harms they claim to hope to protect against: harassment and violence in public bathrooms. But this harassment and violence won't be committed by or because of transgender people. It will be committed by non-transgender people who think they've "caught" a transgender person breaking the law. They will harass and potentially even harm that person, as has already happened in multiple instances in other states. I've included some example reporting below.

And this won't only happen to transgender Missourians, but also to non-transgender people – anyone who doesn't look masculine "enough" or feminine "enough." Perhaps someone will misinterpret a mom going through cancer treatment who has lost her hair as a bald man going into the women's room, and call the police on her. Perhaps someone will see one of our incredible Mizzou and other collegiate women athletes that may be taller or stronger than the average woman, and mistake them for a transgender woman just because of their size or appearance. All the examples I included below are examples of this – how debates like these hurt non-transgender people too.

And while there may be genuine good intention behind bills like these, it is important to understand that this is a politically manufactured issue. As recently as 2021, not a single state in the country had a bathroom ban. Now, 21 do, and Missouri is attempting to join the bandwagon.

I myself have used the men's bathrooms in the Capitol on previous visits to speak out against other legislative attacks on transgender Missourians. There's a chance I've even shared the bathroom with any of the men serving on this committee. I've used men's bathrooms in Missouri courthouses and city halls, in public park buildings, and more. No one was harmed. Similarly, transgender people all across the country use public bathrooms that match their gender identity every day, without causing incident. Research (linked below) from both UCLA and The National Policing Institute confirms the *absence* of a link between transgender people using bathrooms that match their gender and assaults in bathrooms. The only crisis here is a politically manufactured one, designed to single out a small group of people who are different – and often for political gain.

I am your constituent. I, and every other transgender person in this state, just want to be able to go about our daily lives safely and in peace. These bills would not only upend our lives and expose us to more harassment, mistreatment, and even violence – they would also cause harassment of cisgender women and anyone who might not fit someone's personal definition of what a woman or a man "should" look like. These bills would also be a waste of taxpayer dollars spent defending against the inevitable lawsuits that will come if they become law. Please, vote against these bills and others like them.

Sources & Additional Information

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Examples of people harassing non-transgender women in bathrooms because they thought they were transgender:

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<https://www.nbcnews.com/nbc-out/out-news/minnesota-teen-says-server-forced-prove-gender-restaurant-bathroom-rcna224562>

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/cis-woman-confronted-police-officers-115522988.html>

Research showing that violence in bathrooms is not perpetrated by transgender people, and in fact that transgender people are more likely to be the victims of violent crime:

The National Policing Institute, formerly known as The Police Foundation: "Based on our review of sexual assault complaints in Atlanta, Dallas, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens and Tucson, before and after an official amendment to the human rights ordinance in that locality, we did not find evidence of sexual assaults taking place in which men, under the guise of being women or transgender, entered women's

bathrooms to commit a sexual assault or otherwise victimize women.”

https://www.policinginstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/PF_Research-Brief_JULY-2017-FINAL-1.pdf

The National Policing Institute: “Our overall findings are consistent with the research literature on sexual assault, which indicates that victims of sexual assault are primarily female (over 90 percent) and that, in 8 of 10 cases, the assault is not perpetrated by a stranger but rather by a person known to the victim, such as an acquaintance or intimate partner.” https://www.policinginstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/PF_Research-Brief_JULY-2017-FINAL-1.pdf

Peer-reviewed research from the American Journal of Public Health, using federal data (the National Crime Victimization Survey) and finding that transgender people are over four times more likely than cisgender people to be the victim of violent crime.

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7958056/pdf/AJPH.2020.306099.pdf>

UCLA research analyzing multiple studies, which show overall that “there was no evidence that privacy and safety in restrooms changed as a result of transgender people having, by law, access to restrooms and other facilities in accordance with their gender identity.” <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/Trans-Bathroom-Access-Feb-2025.pdf>



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I strongly oppose this bill!!!!



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Bathrooms with partitions provide privacy. There is no need for this state law. It is horrifying to think how you would have to prove you are in the right bathroom to anyone. I think the legislature should be more concerned with food and health care for all.



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Republicans need to stop concerning themselves with the genitalia of others.



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Focusing on definitions without enough context could impact areas beyond the intended scope, such as healthcare decisions, anti-discrimination protections, or education policies.



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HB 2075 imposes rigid, government-mandated definitions of “biological sex” that fail to reflect the complexity of human identity and exclude transgender and intersex individuals from equal participation in public life. By prohibiting schools and public institutions from designating facilities based on gender identity, the bill risks stigmatizing vulnerable students and employees while offering little evidence that such restrictions improve safety. Threatening to revoke or withhold state funding for noncompliance places significant financial pressure on schools and colleges, potentially harming students’ educational opportunities. Although the bill mentions accommodations through single-occupancy facilities, relegating certain individuals to separate spaces can foster isolation rather than inclusion. Ultimately, this legislation prioritizes punitive enforcement and narrow definitions over compassion, local flexibility, and the well-being of diverse communities.



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Stop policing our bodies, this bill is absurd.



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Transgender people are part of our workplaces and our neighborhoods, and they need to be able to use the restroom just like everyone else.



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Single-sex rules are too muddy and allow for engaging in bad faith by bad actors. This is a slippery slope.



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I am writing to testify in strong opposition to HB 2536.

While this bill is framed as a measure for "protection," its actual effect is to codify discrimination and state-sanctioned harassment against transgender Missourians. By forcing individuals into facilities and athletic categories that do not align with their lived gender identity, this bill creates significant safety risks and undermines the dignity of our neighbors, colleagues, and students.

My primary concerns include:

Targeting Vulnerable Populations: This bill specifically targets domestic violence shelters—places that should be sanctuaries of safety for all victims. Excluding transgender women from these spaces leaves them even more vulnerable to the very violence they are trying to escape.

Permanent Barriers in Education: By removing the expiration date on sports bans, this legislation permanently bars students from the social and physical benefits of school athletics, isolating them from their peers indefinitely.

Privacy and Safety Violations: Mandating that individuals use facilities inconsistent with their appearance and identity invites confrontation and places transgender people at a heightened risk of physical assault and public outing.

Legal and Financial Burdens: The "private cause of action" established by this bill encourages predatory litigation against public institutions, schools, and shelters, diverting critical resources away from their core missions.

I urge the committee to respect the rights and safety of all Missourians by voting NO on HB 2536.



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I have been transgender since the age of 14, I am currently 22. I have never committed a crime not even a speeding ticket. Yet it seems people wish to paint us as a threat. I would never in my life wish to cause harm to another person.



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As a trans individual this would limit my access to restrooms of my gender. Using "biological sex" allows for other individuals to discriminate against any person who does not fit the stereotypical male or female presentation to discrimination and creates rather than a safe environment, but one of possible violence. This is a not an "opportunity to protect women" but rather blatant discrimination against trans individuals and eventually can lead to further damages against women and their already at risk rights.



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Chairman Christ and members of the Committee,

My name is Marcus Eickenhorst and I am a resident of St. Louis County. I am writing today to express my strong opposition to HB 2075, HB 1893, and HB 2536. As a father, a husband, and a Missourian, I see these bills as a harmful overreach by the government into the private lives of our families and the safety of our communities.

Why I Oppose These Bills

I believe these measures are detrimental to the Missouri I want to raise my family in:

Infringement on Privacy and Dignity: These bills seek to police Missourians in their most private moments. Mandating bathroom access based on birth certificates—rather than how a person lives their life—forces people into vulnerable and often dangerous situations.

Safety and Mental Health: Transgender individuals already face disproportionate rates of harassment. As a parent, I see firsthand the mental health toll that these constant political attacks take on our youth. We should be protecting children, not passing laws that make them targets for bullying or physical harm.

Impact on Vulnerable Populations: HB 2536 is particularly egregious. Extending these bans to domestic violence shelters and correctional facilities—places where safety and rehabilitation should be the priority—is a violation of basic human rights.

As the someone who loves a transgender child in my life, my priority is ensuring this child can grow up in a state that respects them. These bills do the opposite. They tell this child that their privacy doesn't matter and that their safety is secondary to political posturing. I want this child to be able to go to school or a public park without the state government mandating where they can and cannot exist.

An Employer's Perspective

As a Missouri business owner and employer of transgender people, I am deeply concerned about the economic and professional fallout of this legislation:

Talent Retention: To stay competitive, Missouri businesses need to attract and keep the best talent. These bills make our state a "do not fly" zone for many high-quality professionals who refuse to live or

work in a state that legislates discrimination.

Workplace Conflict: These bills invite "bounty-style" litigation and create unnecessary hostility. My business thrives when my employees feel safe and focused. Forcing a discriminatory environment onto public accommodations spills over into the workplace and hurts our bottom line.

Economic Impact: When the state creates a legal minefield for inclusive businesses, it discourages investment and growth. This is bad for the Missouri economy and bad for small business owners like myself.

I believe in a Missouri where everyone has the freedom to exist in public spaces without fear of harassment or government interference. Missourians deserve to live with dignity and safety.

I urge you to vote "No" on HB 2075, HB 1893, and HB 2536. Please focus on legislation that strengthens our state rather than policies that codify fear and discrimination.

Thank you for your time and for considering my testimony.



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I am opposed to any "bathroom bans" that seek to criminalize or penalize individuals for using the bathroom that best fits with their gender identity. These laws enable vigilantes to patrol bathrooms and make all women unsafe, especially if they do not present typically feminine (i.e. if they have short hair). These bans are a waste of taxpayer time and money - please do something to make housing and groceries more affordable, invest in a public healthcare system that is available to all, or fix the roads instead of working on legislation that seeks to demonize trans people!



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Not only is this discriminatory to trans folks, this will impact anyone who uses a public restroom. The argument that this will keep men out of the ladies' room is 110% incorrect because it will force trans men into using restrooms that they wouldn't choose for themselves. It will make it more common for male-presenting folks to walk into the women's restroom, thereby making it easier for predatory cis-men to enter and assault women and children.



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I oppose this bill



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I am in opposition to this bill. Please do not pass.



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Another bill aimed at a certain group of people because some don't like them and want to erase them from society. This group just wants to live their lives the same as anyone else.



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To the Members of the House Emerging Issues Committee:

My name is Mason Althoff, and I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to HB 2536.

HB 2536 repeals existing statutory definitions and replaces them with newly constructed definitions under the banner of “women’s protection.” While framed as clarifying language, the bill instead narrows legal recognition in ways that exclude transgender Missourians and introduce broad legal uncertainty.

1. Redefining “Female” Alters the Foundation of Missouri Law

HB 2536 replaces long-standing statutory language with a biologically restrictive definition of “female” tied to reproductive capacity — including language about individuals who “naturally have, had, will, or would have” reproductive systems that produce eggs.

This definition:

Centers legal status on reproductive function rather than lived identity or legal recognition

Excludes transgender women

Raises questions about how individuals with intersex variations or medical conditions are classified

Rewriting foundational definitions affects education policy, athletics, housing, corrections, and potentially employment protections. This is not a narrow clarification — it is a structural change to Missouri law.

2. The Bill Extends Beyond Definitions into Mandatory Segregation

HB 2536’s implications include:

Prohibiting students from participating in athletics aligned with their gender identity

Requiring separation of sleeping quarters and private areas based strictly on birth certificate sex

These provisions disproportionately affect transgender youth, who already face elevated risks of bullying, isolation, and mental health challenges.

Policies that single out students for exclusion increase harm rather than enhance safety.

3. Legal Risk and Constitutional Concerns

By codifying biological definitions that conflict with evolving federal interpretations of sex discrimination under Title IX and related civil rights law, Missouri risks:

Costly litigation

Loss of federal funding tied to nondiscrimination compliance

Conflicting obligations for public schools and universities

The state should not place institutions in legal jeopardy through sweeping definitional changes.

4. “Women’s Protection” Should Not Come at the Expense of Other Women

The framing of this bill suggests that recognizing transgender women undermines protections for cisgender women. There is no evidence that inclusive policies reduce safety or fairness.

Protecting women from violence, discrimination, and economic inequity requires:

Addressing domestic violence

Expanding healthcare access

Ensuring workplace equity

Redefining statutory language to exclude a small minority of students does not materially advance women’s safety.

5. Government Should Not Police Biology

The proposed language invites enforcement challenges:

Who determines biological classification?

What documentation is required?

How are disputes resolved?

Embedding reproductive criteria into statute invites invasive scrutiny and administrative confusion.

Closing

HB 2536 represents a broad redefinition of legal terms that will affect education, public facilities, and civil rights across Missouri. It introduces exclusionary standards, legal uncertainty, and significant fiscal risk — all while claiming to advance protection.

Missouri can protect women without redefining personhood in ways that exclude others.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to reject HB 2536.

Thank you for your consideration.



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These attempted changes are being implemented from a position of fear, failure & inadequacy as the alleged threats to students, women, etc. are not only non-existent but also disproven statistically time & time again. We the public, are not in danger from shared space with transgender persons. We are at risk of losing our voices, independence, freedoms and access as long as small, blind & discriminatory practices are forced on the public such as these entirely unnecessary bills.



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Similar to my statement for bill hb2075, I believe that the implication of bills like this can only do harm. This has nothing to do with protecting women and everything to do with ostracizing trans people. There is no credible evidence that trans people hurt women more than any other demographic of people in any way let alone in restrooms. There is credible evidence that states that trans people are FAR more likely to be attacked or killed than their cisgender counterparts, especially if they're black. There is credible evidence that the most common cause of death in pregnant women is homicide committed by their partners. There is credible evidence that 1/5 girls and 1/7 boys have experienced childhood sexual assault. If you care about women then make sure they have access to safe abortions, support when escaping domestic violence, and help if they do have children. Transgender people are not the problem, and they never have been.



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I'm in opposition of this. Missouri will NOT become like Kansas.



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My name is Megan McCarthy, I am a born-and-raised Missourian and a proud mother of two children, one of whom is transgender. I am writing today to urge lawmakers to reject HB 2536.

HB 2536 purports to “protect women” but I don’t see how this bill will accomplish that. Those seeking to assault or harass a woman in a restroom or changing facility won’t be stopped in their tracks by these definitions of sex and gender. Playing a sport with a trans person isn’t going to inflict harm on girls or women.

This bill does nothing to prevent domestic violence or sex trafficking. It does not seek to improve maternal mortality rates or access to preventative healthcare. Those are some of the real issues that profoundly affect women in our state. Instead, this bill seeks to vilify and further marginalize trans and gender expansive Missourians, who make up less than 1% of the state’s population.

HB 2536 is another attempt to undermine the liberty and privacy of trans people. Please oppose this bill and find more productive ways to “protect” women. Thank you for your time and service.



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I believe that transgender individuals should be allowed to use their facility of choice. Discrimination against a person based in their gender is not moral or necessary.



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I will not be privy to singling out and criminalizing innocent people who are simply trying to live their lives in peace. If you pass any of these three bills, you are instituting discrimination and legal action will be taken against the state. We will not stand for your systematic attacks on innocent people.

The argument that you are preventing women or children being attacked is completely falsified when you take zero action toward punishing the powerful men in Washington who have been documented in the Epstein files. This isn't anything about protecting women, it's clearly about controlling people.



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I am writing to strongly oppose any policy or legislation that excludes transgender people from using public bathrooms that align with their gender identity, especially when there is no evidence of a problem and no record of complaints justifying such action.

There is no data showing that transgender people using public restrooms have caused harm, increased assaults, or created safety issues. In fact, communities across the country have allowed transgender people to use appropriate facilities for years without incident. Creating restrictions without evidence is not a matter of public safety - it is discrimination based on fear and misinformation. These policies do not protect anyone. Instead, they place transgender people at greater risk of harassment, humiliation, and violence. Forcing someone into a restroom where they do not belong makes them a target and does nothing to prevent actual misconduct, which is already illegal regardless of who commits it.

Public policy should be based on real problems and real data, not hypothetical scenarios. When there are no documented complaints or safety concerns, creating a law to solve an imaginary problem only harms innocent people and wastes public resources.

Missouri has enough real challenges to adress: healthcare access, education, infrastructure, and public safety. Singling out transgender people — a small and already vulnerable population — does not improve any of these. It only signals that some citizens deserve fewer rights and less dignity than others.

Transgender people are your neighbors, coworkers, veterans, parents, and students. They simply want to use a restroom and go about their day without fear.

They deserve the same respect and legal protection as anyone else.

I urge you to reject policies that exclude transgender people from public bathrooms and instead focus on solutions that genuinely improve safety and well-being for all Missourians.

Sincerely,
Micah Abalos



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I urge you to vote NO on House Bill 2536. This legislation is a solution in search of a problem that does not exist, and it represents a cruel and discriminatory attack on some of the most vulnerable members of our communities: transgender Missourians.

This bill is not about safety. It is about forcing transgender people—including children—out of public life. By dictating who can use which restroom, locker room, or shelter based on outdated and overly prescriptive definitions of sex inserted into Section 1.020, HB 2536 codifies stigma. It tells transgender students, employees, and residents that they do not belong and that their very identity is invalid.

The claims that this law is necessary to protect women are misleading. There is no evidence that allowing transgender individuals to use facilities consistent with their gender identity has led to any increase in safety incidents. Instead, this bill will endanger transgender individuals by making them targets for harassment and violence when they are forced to use facilities where they do not feel safe or welcome. It forces a transgender man—who lives as a man—to use a women's facility, creating discomfort for everyone involved and putting him at risk.

For our youth, the consequences are particularly severe. This bill singles out transgender children in our schools. Studies consistently show that supporting transgender youth in their identity leads to better mental health outcomes. Conversely, rejection and forced outing increase risks of depression, anxiety, and suicide. By creating a private cause of action against schools that respect a student's identity, HB 2536 invites litigation and fearmongering, turning our public schools into battlegrounds for culture wars instead of safe places for learning.

Furthermore, the bill's provisions on athletics are redundant and cruel. The Missouri State High School Activities Association already has policies in place. This bill does not create fairness; it creates exclusion. It forces young women to undergo invasive scrutiny to "prove" their sex based on outdated birth certificates, a standard that is both humiliating and scientifically flawed.

This legislation also ignores the reality of families and individuals who do not fit neatly into the boxes of "male" and "female" as defined in this bill. It makes no reasonable accommodation for intersex individuals or others whose biological characteristics do not align with the bill's narrow definitions.

Missouri faces real challenges: funding our schools, supporting working families, and improving healthcare access. HB 2536 is a divisive distraction that wastes legislative time and state resources. It

will harm our state's reputation, making it harder to attract businesses and families who value inclusivity and respect for all.

I ask you to stand against discrimination and for the dignity of every Missourian. Reject HB 2536.



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We do not need a legislative "solution" to a problem that does not exist and never has existed. In addition, I find this bill's focus on policing individual genitalia to be both repulsive and un-American.



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The rights of transgender Americans are under attack. Bills like this one cause harm to this community which has been targeted over and over in recent years.

Transgender people are often misunderstood. Nearly everyone in the US has met transgender people, but many are unaware of the fact. Transgender people throughout history have had to hide their identity to be safe. Many still do.

In recent decades, responsible research has shown that allowing transgender people to live according to their gender identities helps them flourish as individuals and as members of society. This includes using restrooms designated for the gender they live with. There are no ill-effects from this reality.

But what if there were a law requiring them not to use such a bathroom? How well have you all considered this?

If my daughter were to enter a men's room, it would create a stir. She is a lovely young lady, and yet she would be required to use the wrong bathroom based on her sex assigned at birth. She would immediately attract attention, and it would be obvious why. Given the hypersexualization many people project on transgender people, there would be very obvious risks to her personal safety.

And what would be the point of all this? She poses no danger to anyone when she enters a stall to relieve herself. She is not there to do anything unusual or immoral. What possible purpose is served by putting my sweet and lovely girl in harm's way?

Please recognize the reality that this bill is a solution in search of a problem. There is no epidemic of creepy guys pretending to be girls in the ladies' room. There is, however, an epidemic of legislation targetting the transgender and intersex people of Missouri.

Please end this transphobic foolishness. Please vote no.



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I am strongly opposed to this bill. I believe that we should be protecting the dignity and right to safety of trans people of all ages, who are entitled to full rights as citizens of Missouri.



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This is a waste of money and time for a pointless culture war.



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In addition to being a tremendous waste of the time of our State Representatives, as well as the Missouri tax payers money, this bill is both unnecessary and not backed by actual scientific research. It is my assertion as a tax paying, voting, educated, Missourian that gender neutral restrooms/changing rooms/etc. should exist, but also that Americans should have the freedom to use whichever restroom best aligns with their gender identity. Trans folks using restrooms that align with their gender expression are no threat (materially or statistically) to the health or safety of myself, children, nor anyone else, as long as they remember to wash their hands just like everyone else.



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Trans individuals pose less threat to a woman's safety than her husband does.



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As a parent, I'm so tired of politicians claiming to protect my child. My child does not need protection from trans adults or trans children. Statistically, children are more likely to be molested by a heterosexual man and there is no conspiracy of hordes of straight men pretending to be trans so that they can access and harm children. They don't need bathroom access; as the Epstein files remind us, straight men have plenty of access to harm children and women.



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Among the general population, Hasenbush et al. (2018) found no difference in assault or sex crimes between localities with and without the restrictions outlined in HB 2536. Specifically in secondary schools, Murchison et al. (2019) found that transgender and non-binary students are significantly more likely to be victims of sexual assault when such restrictions are in place. In correctional centers, transgender people are over five times more likely to be sexually assaulted by staff and nine times more likely to be sexually assaulted by other inmates (2015 US Transgender Survey). In 2015, 22% of transgender people who sought care in domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers were denied access, harassed, or even physically attacked (2015 US Transgender Survey). These extreme upticks in violence, including sexual violence and harm to those who have already suffered from DV, is further exacerbated when transgender people are forced into facilities according to their assigned sex at birth. This bill would make all Missourians, but especially the most vulnerable among us, less safe.



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I believe policing people's bodies in such a private manner does more harm than good. If a transgender man enters a women's restroom because they must use the facility based on their gender assigned at birth, most women will feel in danger. This bill does not protect women.



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Shame on you



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My name is Nicholas Tatum. I am known as Verity. I am the chair advocate for INTACT (Intersex, Nonbinary, Trans Advocate Collective Triangle). I'd to first address a single portion of HB 2536, and note that I am in opposition to the entirety of this bill.

The section reads as follows: "Female", an individual who naturally has, had, will, or would have, but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports, and utilizes eggs for fertilization.

I'm not sure how familiar everyone is with the transplantation of a uterus. I'll spare everyone the gory details. What is necessary to know, is that uterus transplants have seen significant success, with over 70 live births reported worldwide since the first successful transplant in 2014. It is only a matter of time for science. We will see a transwoman give birth at some point in the future. So, when you say, "naturally has had, will, or would have," I take a bit of exception to that line of the bill. Medical science isn't unnatural. In this day and age, with the amount of information at our disposal, one would think that ignorance is more unnatural, but, I can find it. Sometimes all that I have to do is look across the room.

At some point, a trans woman will have the ability to give birth. There will be no detectable way of knowing if she was originally born a woman or not. Therefore, by the reasoning found within the text of this bill, that trans woman would be a woman. The state will finally achieve what an overwhelming majority of you have tried to prevent. You will have made trans women women by your very pen.

If you will see the section on "developmental or genetic anomaly," I hope that the legislative body understands that for two years, I've been coming up here and trying to tell you that trans women are covered under developmental or genetic anomaly because our brains are physically different from our gender assigned at birth.

Another example, Intersex traits can arise during gestation due to variations in hormone exposure or genetic factors that affect the development of sex characteristics. These variations can lead to differences in chromosomes, gonads, or genitalia that do not fit typical male or female classification. What will this bill do to cover Intersex individuals? According to its language, nothing.

I encourage you to vote no on this bill.



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Rather than using their supermajority to improve the lives of Missourians, Republicans are leaning into their most hateful impulses to target a tiny minority of the population. Why? Pure ignorance and hate. For a party that espouses their "strong Christian values", they sure seem to be ignoring every teaching Jesus puts forth. Love thy neighbor? No thanks. The golden rule? Pathetic. Help the most vulnerable among us? Loser behavior. Republicans have abandoned empathy and love in favor of hate and blasphemy. This bill is a pathetic waste of resources and money while Missouri suffers awful quality of life. Republicans claw back higher pay and sick leave so they can pass this hateful garbage? Pathetic.



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I oppose HB 2536 due to the severe financial and ethical burdens it imposes on public entities. The requirement to hire bathroom monitors is both wasteful and unenforceable; there is no dignified way to police such personal spaces. Forcing individuals to undergo surveillance for a basic human need is a direct violation of privacy and personal autonomy. Furthermore, the cost of 24/7 staffing would place public institutions under immense financial strain, compounded by the disproportionate risk of losing total organizational funding over a single oversight. Targeting a small population with such high-stakes, costly mandates is fundamentally unreasonable.



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HB 2536 -- WOMEN'S PROTECTION

Chair and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

I want to focus narrowly on one issue: unintended safety consequences in enforcement of this bill, particularly as it applies to post operative transgender women.

If this bill is enforced strictly according to biological sex at birth without exception, it will require some fully transitioned, post operative transgender women to access male designated spaces, including correctional facilities, shelters, and multi occupancy restrooms.

That creates a serious and foreseeable safety problem.

A post operative transgender woman placed in a men's detention facility or required to access men's sleeping quarters is at extremely high risk of assault. The same is true in certain shelter environments. This is not a political statement. It is a risk assessment reality acknowledged in corrections policy and civil rights litigation nationwide.

If the purpose of this bill is safety and privacy, then enforcement that predictably increases assault risk for a vulnerable population undermines that goal.

I respectfully ask this committee to consider how sex will be verified in real world application, what documentation will control such as a birth certificate, driver's license, or amended record, what happens when state issued identification lists a person as female, and who bears liability if harm occurs after a rigid placement decision.

Without a narrowly tailored exception or individualized safety assessment standard, this bill may expose covered entities to increased legal liability, particularly in correctional and educational settings. I am not here to debate broader ideology. I am asking you to consider adding language that allows for documented, post operative individuals to be assessed based on current anatomy and safety risk rather than defaulting to birth classification in every case.

If the goal is protection, the law should not inadvertently create new victims.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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I do not support these bills which amount to attacks on the civil rights of my transgender family, friends, and neighbors. As a woman, these bills do nothing to protect me or other women while actively harming people who identify as transgender.



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I am opposed to the definition of female in this bill, which excludes the possibility of a trans-gender woman being legally considered female.

I am opposed to the definition of male in this bill, which excludes the possibility of a trans-gender man being legally considered a male.

I am opposed to the provision of this bill that makes permanent the ban on students competing in an athletic competition that is designated for the biological sex opposite to the student's biological sex as stated on the student's official birth certificate or other government record.

This bill is an attempt to strip the legal status of trans-gender males and females. When a person is stripped of their legal status they are effectively stripped of their personhood and rights. I would like to remind those in the Missouri legislature that this is the kind of thing that was done with respect to trans-gender people in Nazi Germany - and then it was done to others: Jews, gypsies, other minorities. We do not want to go down that road. Effectively we would be creating a system which makes Missouri a terrible place to live for trans-gender people. They might as well, then, move to other states where they DO have rights. Why would we want to give up the contributions and the pleasure of being a citizen of our beautiful state for a segment of the population? Are we that hateful and fearful of people who are not like us?

This bill is discriminatory and hateful to trans-gender people, who should be accepted in our state for the way they are and not targeted for becoming illegal in their gender choice according to Missouri law



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I am a woman, and the people I most need protection from are the drafters of this legislation. Trans people using the restroom is not a threat to women AT ALL. What are threats? (1) The removal of civil rights for anyone, because women aren't usually the first group impacted but we are in line for dehumanization. (2) Defining "woman" or "female" by whether the person has the necessary parts to have a child. I had a hysterectomy, so does that mean I'm not legally a female? After all, it was a voluntary removal of key parts to reproduction! (3) Lower wages than men for the same job. (4) Lack of mental health resources. (5) Lack of resources for domestic violence victims. (6) Lack of maternal health care. (7) Lack of resources for women once a child is born. (8) Lack of available, affordable, safe child care. You want to start with "protecting" women? Start with any of the enumerated items. Don't make women the scapegoat for enacting hate legislation.



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HB 2536 expands state definitions of sex and creates a private right of action that allows lawsuits against public institutions over restroom, changing room, and sleeping quarter access. That provision alone will drive aggressive enforcement and encourage institutions to act out of fear of litigation rather than out of care for people.

As someone who spent decades in national security, I believe government power must be used carefully and proportionally. This bill risks turning schools, shelters, and public facilities into legal battlegrounds. Including domestic violence shelters and correctional facilities raises serious concerns about unintended harm to vulnerable people.

Missouri does not need more division or more lawsuits. We need policies rooted in dignity, practicality, and constitutional restraint.

For those reasons, I urge you to oppose HB 2536.



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This bill does more harm than good. By requiring trans youth to share bathroom space and sleeping quarters with their biological counterparts, neither biological youth or trans youth will be comfortable in said spaces.



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Forcing trans and nonbinary individuals into situations where their appearance is contradictory to their sex at birth is putting them in potentially violent or deadly situations. Trans women already have high rates of death by homicide. If safe changing rooms and restrooms are really the issue make single person stalls more accessible and available in public places. People of all genders should be able to fully participate in society without risking violence or prosecution.



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I am a 71-year old Gay businessman active with our STL LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce. I grew up at a time when being Gay focused overwhelming legal barriers on me and others along with conservative religious based social campaign that put my work, my health, my health care and even my life in jeopardy. Our nation has made progress correcting a lot – not all – of those wrongs. Today your focus is on Transgender members of our community which you rail against for what can clearly be seen as political benefits to your positions of power. Now you are even trying to control what bathroom a person gets to use AND negatively impact the lives of children against the will of their own families AND against working adults just trying to get by. Your efforts are mean spirited, and the results are painful to witness. Causing the loss of employment and forcing some to move out of our state and stop others from doing business here also impacts our state economic security and growth. Please stop. There are real issues needing the attention of the legislature. Going out of your way to be hurting our own citizens is not. Protecting the lives of all our citizens - even a very small, targeted and persecuted minority - deserve your support. Protecting lives would be action worthy of a great state like ours. Causing trauma is not.



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?Dear Representative Laubinger,

?I am writing to formally express my opposition to HB 2536. From a practical standpoint, the fiscal and administrative burden required to monitor these facilities far outweighs any perceived benefit, given the relatively small demographic affected.

?Furthermore, the bill lacks a clear enforcement framework. It remains unclear what criteria would be utilized to verify an individual's biological sex without infringing upon their fundamental right to privacy. Additionally, the legislation fails to account for the intersex community. Given the lack of documented safety incidents regarding transgender individuals' use of facilities aligned with their gender identity, this bill appears to address a problem that does not exist at a significant public cost.



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As a woman, this will do nothing to protect me. I'm offended that bigots would use women as pawns in their effort to be cruel to trans people.



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I am a Missouri resident and member of LGBTQ+ community. I am in adamant opposition to this.



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These bills are extremely harmful. They enable perpetrators of sexual abuse. Stop blaming trans individuals for cis men's behavior. You do not protect minors, you actively protect predators. You are our representatives, you work for us, the American people. You are supposed to represent us. You do not represent the majority of Missouri. You actively disregard Missouri voters. It is appalling that you hide behind the idea of protecting women and children when all you do is harm us. You can claim that all you want is to protect us but your actions speak louder than words. I want to be a more proud as a Missourian, more proud as an American citizen. I love this country, it is just increasingly disappointing when all the "representatives" do is harm our community. If you actually wanted to focus on the legitimate issues of sexual abuse against women and children then you would be listening to victims.



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I'm opposed to this bill because it is NOT a protection for women but an attack on our Trans and gender fluid communities. It is ridiculous to think of how this would be implemented and the safety issues that would arise for our Trans and gender fluid communities.



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WITNESS NAME: REV. EMILY BOWEN-MARLER		PHONE NUMBER: 417-860-5266	
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As a person of faith and a member of the clergy, I am tired of and angry with the Missouri Legislature for wasting time on anti-trans bills that cruelly target a small number of Missourians when there are things the people of Missouri desperately need the legislatures to focus on like access to affordable healthcare, skyrocketing housing costs, education concerns, care for those who are disabled or vulnerable and on and on. The ability of trans people to live their lives freely is not a threat to anyone in Missouri. Trans people are people just like anyone else and should not be targeted just because of their gender identity.

Bills like this one are not just targeting trans people, they are making them far less safe. These bills act as a target on the backs of trans people, making it legal and acceptable for people to torment and ostracize trans people. It is utterly despicable behavior on the part of the Missouri legislature to foster this kind of bullying. Please stop this madness immediately!

Honestly, if you want to make sports safe for women, you need to take a good, hard look at the presence of cisgender men surrounding women's sports. Women are being assaulted by the cisgender men on staff, not by transgender folks. And you all know it. Because these bills aren't really about protecting women. They are about hurting trans people.



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This bill will put DV shelters and similar organizations in financial binds as they will need to add single use bathrooms and spaces to accommodate non-frequent clients so they don't have to turn anyone away. For prison facilities, it will be a burden on the taxpayers. Again, it deprives citizens of the basic right to feel safe using a bathroom facility.



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Another stupid bill to fix a problem that doesn't exist. Try solving some real issues your constituents care about. Just stop trying to hurt people who just want to live their lives.



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I have read HB 2536. Individuals who identify as Transgender are not the threat. The people who cannot or will not accept them, are the true problem. Discrimination in our society has gone on far too long. Certain groups have been targeted throughout the generations. The Native Indians, Irish, Italians, Chinese, Japanese, Jewish, Muslims, Blacks, Hispanics etc. etc. etc. Maybe you should spend more time addressing the real dangers to our society; bullying, pedophiles, gun violence, domestic abuse, discrimination and antisemitism. Every person has the God given right to make their own choices. They don't need government to step in and make decisions for them. Many places of business are turning to Unisex or Family restrooms. Society has placed a stigma on separating the sexes. Transgender males and females identify with the gender they choose to be. Your sons and daughters don't need to fear them. They should be more aware and afraid of the active shooter who is likely to show up at their school. That's the real danger.



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I have NEVER felt threatened by a Trans person.



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WITNESS NAME: SAMANTHA JONES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am a state employee, tax payer, and intersex and non-binary person. This bill is based on a false and anti-scientific definition of sex. Sex is not just determined as chromosomes or the phenotype that is expressed in one's genes. Gender, while an experience that is psychological it is also based in one's body. I am an intersex person. I was assigned female at birth. However I do not have the same biological make-up. Even though my body has a uterus and ovaries, this body cannot produce children and is sterilized. Defining me an intersex person as only female is erasure and discrimination. Womanhood is far more complex than our biological capabilities, and frankly there are ways to make sure that people who are born with these anomalous phenotypes have the opportunity have this function through the means of modern medical science and has for over a decade. There are more intersex individuals in the United States than there are people with red hair. While we are a small population this bill directly discriminates against me, and people like me. When I use a restroom, I am only looking to find a safe place to do my personal business, the same way I use a locker room. I am a state employee with these designations on restrooms, which one should I use? I do not identify with my sex assigned at birth because I am intersex. How will this law be enforced? In cases where laws like this are enforced the result is more cis-women are targeted than women who are transgender or intersex and non-binary individuals. These practices are unenforceable, discriminatory, make restrooms, locker rooms, and sleeping quarters inaccessible, and harms people at every age. Attacking the transgender and non-binary community is an unnecessary waste of time, tax dollars, and other state resources. The state will lose money in resulting discrimination law suits. The Universities in our state will be avoided by cis and trans, non-binary and intersex students. People will leave the areas, we will lose employees, and overall the state will lose millions of dollars in revenue. The state has already lost around 875 million dollars for the discriminatory bills that ban children from participating in sports. We will have worse deserts for education, increase the teacher shortage, and leave Missourians like me without access to necessary facilities. This bill is poorly written, and directly harms individuals allowing for discrimination and an increase of harassment. Missourians deserve better from our elected officials. Please vote against this bill as it is common sense to do so.



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Leave trans people alone. You should be ashamed of yourselves, wasting time on this when there is a literal pedophile mob boss in the White House. Get your priorities straight. People can handle their own bathroom needs, and anyone intending to be a creep rapist does not give a single crap about laws.

Thanks.



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Women and girls don't need protection from trans people. They need protection from males who identify as males. How about legislation to speed up the processing rape kits, protect victims of domestic violence, etc.?



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HB 2536 codifies statutory definitions of “male,” “female,” and “sex” based on reproductive biology; mandates sex-exclusive access to multi-occupancy restrooms, changing areas, sleeping quarters, correctional facilities, shelters, schools, and higher education housing; creates a private cause of action with fee-shifting; conditions state funding on compliance; and restricts athletic participation based on birth certificate sex.

The bill presents concentrated constitutional exposure.

1. Equal Protection – Sex-Based and Gender Identity Classification

(U.S. Const. amend. XIV; Mo. Const. art. I, §2)

The bill imposes categorical exclusion from public facilities and athletic participation based on biological sex as defined at birth. These classifications constitute state action and are subject to heightened scrutiny.

Policies excluding transgender individuals from facilities consistent with gender identity have been treated by multiple courts as sex-based classifications. The state must demonstrate that the exclusion is substantially related to an important governmental objective and that the means chosen are not overbroad.

The bill’s comprehensive scope—correctional centers, shelters, schools, higher education, athletics—magnifies litigation exposure.

2. Federal Preemption – Title IX and Federal Funding Conditions

(U.S. Const. art. VI; 20 U.S.C. §1681)

Public schools and institutions of higher education receiving federal funds are subject to Title IX. Federal interpretations increasingly treat discrimination based on gender identity as sex discrimination.

To the extent HB 2536 mandates exclusion inconsistent with federal requirements, conflict preemption issues arise. Conditioning state aid on compliance does not shield institutions from federal enforcement risk.

3. Spending Clause and Funding Penalties

The bill mandates loss of state aid for noncompliance and creates fee-shifting private causes of action.

Conditioning public funding on enforcement of contested classifications increases the likelihood of immediate pre-enforcement challenge, particularly where institutions face simultaneous federal compliance obligations.

4. Due Process – Vagueness and Enforcement Standards

(U.S. Const. amend. XIV; Mo. Const. art. I, §10)

Enforcement mechanisms are undefined. The statute does not specify how “sex” is to be verified in facility access contexts. Without procedural safeguards, institutions risk arbitrary enforcement, public identification disputes, or compelled disclosure of sensitive medical information.

Athletics provisions limiting recognition to birth certificates “entered at or near birth” raise additional due process and privacy concerns.

5. Private Cause of Action – Structural Litigation Incentive

Section 8.673 creates a private cause of action triggered by mere “encounter” with a member of the opposite sex and mandates attorney’s fees for prevailing plaintiffs.

This structure invites immediate declaratory and injunctive litigation and accelerates constitutional review.

6. Correctional and Shelter Context

Application to correctional centers and domestic violence shelters implicates Eighth Amendment considerations, custodial safety standards, and federal statutory protections.

Blanket assignment rules without individualized assessment may generate additional constitutional scrutiny.

Conclusion

HB 2536 imposes a comprehensive, state-mandated biological-sex classification regime across public institutions and attaches funding penalties and private enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance. The breadth of application, the categorical nature of the exclusions, and the interaction with federal law create substantial and foreseeable constitutional challenges.

When a statute embeds categorical exclusion across schools, prisons, shelters, and housing—and couples it with funding penalties and fee-shifting—the constitutional question is not whether it will be tested, but how quickly.

The General Assembly is hereby placed on formal notice that HB 2536 establishes categorical classifications based on biological sex and mandates exclusion from public facilities, sleeping quarters, athletic competitions, and institutional housing based on birth-defined sex. These provisions apply to public schools, state institutions of higher education, correctional facilities, shelters for victims of domestic violence, and other public entities, and are enforceable through private causes of action with mandatory fee-shifting and through revocation of state funding.

Because the bill imposes sex-based classifications through state action, it will be subject to heightened scrutiny under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 2 of the Missouri Constitution. The statute’s categorical structure, its reliance on birth certificate designations, and its prohibition of alternative multi-occupancy accommodations create foreseeable constitutional challenges, particularly where individualized assessments are foreclosed.

The bill also regulates entities that receive federal funding and are subject to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. To the extent the measure requires conduct inconsistent with federal statutory or

regulatory obligations, Supremacy Clause preemption issues are foreseeable.

The creation of a private cause of action triggered by facility access, coupled with attorney's fee recovery, materially increases the likelihood of immediate pre-enforcement litigation. Conditioning state aid on compliance further heightens institutional exposure and accelerates standing for declaratory and injunctive relief actions.

These constitutional considerations are neither abstract nor speculative. The structure and scope of HB 2536 make judicial review highly foreseeable upon enactment.



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There are so. many more important issues, funding our schools and police officers. Fixing our budget. Please don't grandstand with issues that don't make a difference to the quality of life for Missourians.



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I am a constituent from 63141. I'm writing to urge you to **OPPOSE** this bill, one that would negatively impact the dignity, the freedom, and the physical safety of Missouri's trans youth like the young person my adult nonbinary child, a proud Missourian, once was.

National crime statistics compiled by the Bureau of Justice for the four years from 2017 through 2020 showed the rate of violent victimization against transgender people to be two and half times the rate among cisgender people. In 2023 the FBI reported the highest number of anti-LGBTQ hate crimes to date.

Meanwhile, the scapegoating of trans people that is now at a fever pitch is being deliberately fueled by an unsubstantiated, fear-mongering claim that trans people are more likely to commit violence against girls and women. But research shows that nondiscriminatory bathroom policies that allow trans people to use the bathroom that aligns with their gender identity do not correlate to increased risk of such violence. A comprehensive 2018 study from UCLA concludes that "...the passage of such nondiscrimination laws is not related to the number or frequency of criminal incidents in such public spaces. Additionally, the results show that reports of privacy and safety violations in public restrooms, locker rooms, and changing rooms were exceedingly rare and much lower than statewide rates of reporting violent crimes more generally. This study provides evidence that fears of increased safety and privacy violations as a result of nondiscrimination laws are not empirically grounded." (See "Gender Identity Nondiscrimination Laws in Public Accommodations: a Review of Evidence Regarding Safety and Privacy in Public Restrooms, Locker Rooms, and Changing Rooms" at doi.org/10.1007/s13178-018-0335-z).

In fact, research also shows that discriminatory bathroom policies such as those this bill would advance actually increase the risk of violence against trans youth. See "School Restroom and Locker Room Restrictions and Sexual Assault Risk Among Transgender Youth" in *Pediatrics: The Official Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics* at doi.org/10.1542/peds.2018-2902. We don't need to fear trans people. We need work towards a world that protects all people from violence, including cis women like me and trans and nonbinary people like my kid. As a mother, I urge you: please do not make life harder and even more dangerous for kids like my the kid my child was and for adults like the adult my child now is by banning their access to bathrooms that align with their gender presentation and thus making them more vulnerable to harassment and attack.

Please vote **NO** on this harmful bill.



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First and foremost, I do not support the use of my tax dollars to scapegoat a minority group. Trans people's identities are valid and they belong in Missouri. Please don't make my friends, colleagues, and neighbors move away. They are talented and they make Missouri a better place.

Secondly, as an architect who is frequently engaged in the design of bathrooms for public spaces, I can testify to the care that goes into the creation of safe, accessible (to all abilities), and private spaces typically shoehorned into some of the smallest areas of existing buildings and new construction projects. Asking organizations to redesign existing facilities from all-gender to single-sex multi-user facilities is expensive, burdensome, and in some instances, either not possible, or would remove space from the programming that these entities are actually paid by our taxes to perform.

Third, I believe this bill has unintended consequences and ambiguous enforcement rules in its language. I am a cis-gendered ("biological") woman who, due to my height and my wearing of construction-site appropriate clothing, is sometimes mistaken for a man on first glance. Will entities be sued because other women saw me in the bathroom? What are the "reasonable steps" (8.673.1.2) organizations are asked to take to police the use of their facilities? How will the sex of people using the bathroom be proven if "encountered"? Please consider the consequences and craft your bills more carefully. You represent people and most people worry more about chaos and uncertainty than what stranger they're peeing next to.



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This bill will result in unfairly restrictive access to restrooms for those who identify as transgender, putting their physical and mental well-being at risk. Under the guise of "protecting" cisgender people, this bill allows discrimination against the lgbtq community.



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There are warehouses FULL of untested rape kits that are being ignored until they are past the statute of limitations. If you want to protect women, address both the warehouses, and the problem of having a statute of limitations on rape cases. Forcing yourself into our underwear makes you a perpetrator by default



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I do not support this bill. I think the intent to harm transgender people is not good. I think enforcement will be hard. Typically when people try to guess who is transgender they guess wrong and target the wrong people.



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Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Shannon Jennings and I am here today to respectfully urge you to vote no on HB 2536. This bill represents a serious policy shift with far-reaching consequences for families, communities, and institutions across Missouri. Regardless of where each of us stands ideologically, we should agree that legislation must be carefully crafted, constitutionally sound, fiscally responsible, and rooted in evidence. HB 2536 falls short of that standard.

First, this bill risks creating unintended legal and financial consequences. When laws are enacted that push constitutional boundaries or conflict with federal protections, the result is often prolonged litigation. Defending those lawsuits costs taxpayers millions of dollars — funds that could otherwise support public schools, rural hospitals, infrastructure repairs, or public safety. Passing legislation that is likely to face immediate legal challenges is not prudent governance.

Second, we must consider the broader economic implications. States compete nationally for business investment, workforce talent, and innovation. Companies increasingly assess a state's regulatory climate, social stability, and public reputation before making relocation or expansion decisions. Controversial or restrictive legislation can undermine recruitment efforts, discourage young professionals from staying in the state, and harm long-term economic growth.

Third, and most importantly, public policy must consider human impact. Laws shape real lives. When legislation creates barriers, restricts rights, or treats certain groups differently under the law, it sends a message about who belongs and who does not. Government should work to strengthen trust between communities and institutions — not erode it.

The responsibility of the Missouri General Assembly is to serve all Missourians. That duty requires careful deliberation, transparency, and a commitment to policies that promote fairness, opportunity, and stability. HB 2536 does not advance those goals. Instead, it risks deepening divisions and diverting attention from urgent priorities such as education funding, healthcare access, workforce development, and public safety.

Missouri has an opportunity to lead with policies that unite rather than divide — policies that expand opportunity rather than restrict it. I respectfully ask this committee to reject HB 2536 and refocus legislative energy on solutions that strengthen our state and uphold the constitutional principles we all share.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Why don't we let each person decide if they are male or female. I understand it's only when men who die during child birth... Men get to make the laws that she can die on child birth. Men also can force a woman to have sex, force her to keep the baby then get blamed because she got pregnant. Why do politicians hate women so much that you have to control everything m... Including what is a woman/female? Eventually will the definition be she must have 3 children to be classified as a woman.

Women deserve respect. We deserve politicians that will go after sex offenders, to push for rape kits to be tested so we can catch these sick SOB.... But no you guys are too busy wanting to control the word woman. Go catch a rapist instead!!!Go push for investigations on the Epstein Files!!! Stay out of women's underwear for Pete's sake.

I can't wait until I can move from this oppressive damn state.



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HB 2536 is creepy. The assumption appears to be that transgender persons have malevolent motivations when they use the "wrong" facilities and that their presence is dangerous. Attaching "Women's Protection" to this bill is offensive. I wager that women are in more danger of being sexually harrassed or assaulted by males within the walls of the Capitol than they are if they encounter a trans woman in a bathroom or locker room. We should all be ashamed of the blatant ignorance and bigotry if this bill passes.



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This is a waste of taxpayer money. This type of law is difficult to enforce or investigate. (look to the problems in Texas already). There are tremendous costs that have NOT BEEN CALCULATED by Ms. Lauginger and team. There are going to be costs to enforce and investigate violations. There are going to be costs to move students from co-ed dorms to separate building and build new facilities. It is unnecessary noise for modern buildings which have gender neutral bathrooms with floor to ceiling individual stalls. (such as the new KCI Airport). This appears proposed solution to a fictional problem. It appears to be less about protecting women and more revoking the privacy rights of transgender people. Nobody wants to have to show ID to go to the restroom and nobody wants everyone to have to pull their pants down and show their genitals and/or submit to a DNA test or a physical pat down in order to use the bathroom. It's not going to encourage companies to want to do business here or students to want to come to college here. We're probably going to lose top talent who already live here. Also given that approximately 0.2% of Missouri adults are transgender, we're wasting a lot of money and oxygen creating a law to persecute maybe 38,000. Do better, legislators! There must be something else you can work on by useless noise like this. (maybe give more money to the highway patrol lab so they can process rape kits faster than the average of 105 days it takes today.... Go after the rapists -- that would protect women.).



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This is a dehumanizing piece of legislation. You're not protecting anyone! IF YOU REALLY WANTED TO PROTECT WOMEN - YOU WOULD PROTECT THEIR RIGHT TO CHOOSE, YOU WOULD BELIEVE THEM IN CASES OF HARASSMENT AND RAPE AND YOU WOULD KNOW THAT THE BIGGEST THREAT TO WOMEN IS WHITE MEN. You are creating fear and a culture and society based on an outdated aesthetic AND YOU KNOW IT! How dare you! I can't wait to vote every single one of you tools out of office. Clearly, you've lost all sense of what it means to be human and a good person!!!!



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Trans rights are human rights



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This bill aims to police trans people's bodies. I am vehemently opposed to this in any way.



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The bills are a blatant attempt to further dehumanize people of the LGBTQIA+ community. Why do you hold so much hate toward those different you? I have very little faith that my voice will mean anything to lawmakers in this state. You have proven that you do not respect the will of the people (and SHAME ON YOU for that) but please do not make even more ashamed to be from this state.



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Passing these bills will be detrimental to the safety of women. Trans men look like real men and **NEED** to use men's restrooms. If these bills pass then it will get harder to determine whether it is a man or a trans man using the woman's bathroom. Women are put in danger by anti trans laws.



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I'm a mom of two girls and a US Citizen living in Missouri. Any male predator will now use this law to pretend they are trans to follow a woman into the restroom to potentially attack them. That's what you accuse trans women of doing, right? You can't have it both ways. But the National Policing Institute did a study and found ZERO cases where trans women sexually assaulted women in the bathroom. ZERO. So stop wasting my taxpayer dollars on this intolerance.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN GIBSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This is so tiresome. Cis girls and women don't need to be protected from trans girls and women. We need to be protected from unqualified legislators making stuff up and calling it science. Religious education did not prepare this bill sponsor for the realities she is fumbling her way through. Reject this bill.



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IF you are Pro-Life, how are you being that here? God created us all and the hate must stop! I am opposed to this bill due hate that it spreads.



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These bills hurt everyone especially women and girls. The problem is not transgender people, the problem is cisgender predatory men. Refocus your efforts on the true perpetrators of crime against women and girls.



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WITNESS NAME: SUZANNE MCGINNIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This legislation is not about protecting women but a blatant attack on transgender people and their rights. Oppose this legislation and stand up for a more inclusive Missouri.



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This is ridiculous and we should be doing better things with our tax payers dollars!
I am opposed to HB 2536



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I am a life long Missourian and I oppose this bill, as in my opinion, it seeks to devalue our transgender family members, friends, and neighbors by erasing their rights. Transgender people are no threat to anyone in any way. Transgender athletes are no threat to school sports or activities, so the prohibition against them competing should expire. This bill is an example of government wasting time and resources better used to actually help Missouri citizens.



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WITNESS NAME: TAYLOR GRIFFIN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-398-9478	
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The ongoing moral panic about transgender people in restrooms, serves no purpose other than to create a public scapegoat for the failures of conservative governance and the Republican Party. I'm a transgender person, and I stand with women and their pursuit from first safety from male violence. Our president has shown himself to be a massive supporter of sexual predation and violence. Transgender people have not



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Stop the attack on the Transgender community. They are not the enemy. They are not pedophiles. The Epstein files have shown the demographic of people who are.



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I am providing a written statement as a transgender person in opposition to HB 2075, HB 1893, and HB 2536. I benefit directly from access to gender-neutral restrooms in public spaces, and I want to share why policies like these matter in the day-to-day lives of people like me.

For many transgender people, using a restroom is not a political issue—it is a basic need that most people rarely have to think about. Gender-neutral restrooms allow people like me to exist in public spaces without fear of confrontation, harassment, or being forced to justify our presence in a place meant for something as simple as washing our hands or using the toilet.

Bills that restrict restroom access create confusion and risk not only for transgender people but for many others as well. When policies encourage people to question or police who belongs in a restroom, it places anyone who does not conform to someone else's expectations of gender under scrutiny. That does not make schools or public spaces safer—it simply creates more opportunities for conflict and harm.

In contrast, gender-neutral restrooms are a practical solution that already works in many schools, businesses, and public facilities. They provide privacy and safety for everyone who uses them, including parents with children, people with disabilities who need assistance, and transgender people like myself.

I am asking you to consider the real impact these bills would have on people who simply want to participate in school, work, and public life without fear or humiliation. Policies that allow flexible restroom options help everyone; policies that ban people from facilities do not.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to vote no on HB 2075, HB 1893, and HB 2536.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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I would just like to make my voice heard that, even as a non-trans person, people should be allowed to identify as that want, and be protected in their identity as long as no harm is done. We hear so much about the "trans predators" out there who are doing harm to people, but who are they? Do they exist? Probably a few I must assume, but that is no reason to throw out the baby with the bathwater. Let people be who they are and do what they want to do. If they do bad things, let the law take care of that, that's why we already have laws. Don't punish the people who simply want to live their lives happily who will cause no problems if you don't create problems out of their identity.



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I want to voice my strong opposition to discrimination and hate against our fellow human beings. Everyone deserves to be respected and protected. Our legislature needs to spend less time focused on LGBTQ folks and more time on the only minority that is actually harming America: Billionaires.



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Access to public bathrooms is not a political issue. It is a matter of basic human dignity, safety, and. Equal treatment. Forcing transgender people to use restrooms that do not align with their gender identity does not increase safety. Instead, quite the opposite, with the risk of harassment, humiliation, bullying, verbal abuse, and physical violence.
I urge you to uphold the safety and the dignity of this part of our community.



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This is a ridiculous proposition that only furthers the unjust prosecution of transgender and non-binary individuals while also ignoring the existence of intersex individuals who are born with both male and female sex characteristics on a spectrum. There is absolutely no sound reason to waste taxpayer money on making quote unquote sex specified bathroom changing and sleeping facilities. I attended an Arts High School with non-gendered bathrooms and never ever had a single issue as a biological woman. I had never felt uncomfortable or felt weird it would simply be a bathroom walk out of the stall and then I might be washing my hands next to a he a him or a they and it doesn't matter. Gendered specific spaces are allowed to exist, but they should not be government mandated to fit into a rigid construct that the only possible presentations of gender are male and female. I know this country seems to be fixated on turning into a Christian nationalist version of the USA, however I would not be surprised to see suicide rates increase in youth when continuing to push legislation that goes after less than 1% of the population within the states. Maybe if this country wants to focus on raising the birth rate we should stop punishing people for being who they are and instead using public funds to make daycare and healthcare for children under 18 free and or extremely low cost for All Families in America rather than wasting our time on stuff that truly does not matter.



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This is not in the interest of protecting women. If you were truly interested in protecting women we'd see that reflected in your actions and with your attention on issues that actually cause harm and distress to us. This is a pathetic bid to turn us further against other members of our communities for simply existing. Shameful.



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This bill has no purpose except to discriminate, with the purpose to eliminate, the transgender community of MO.



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WITNESS NAME: V NICOLE DAVID PENNINGTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing in strong opposition to any bills that attempt to ban transgender people from using public spaces, such as restrooms and locker rooms, that align with their gender identity under the guise of protecting women. This bill is unnecessary and shows a lack of understanding of biological sex.



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This bill is being put in place to supposedly protect the women from transgender people, who you deem as a threat. Trans people are not the threat you think they are. It's fathers, brothers, stepfathers, uncles, friends, even mothers, sisters, etcetera. This bill is not to protect women, this is to put trans people at risk. With this bill, you are signing a death certificate. Forcing trans women into men's prison facilities puts them at risk of harassment, assault, rape and murder. The same exact thing goes for trans men being forced into women's prison facilities.

Sasha Allen, a popular trans man across internet platforms, was forced to go into a women's bathroom at a bar and was soon arrested because he was a man in the women's restroom, even after proving he was assigned female at birth. He was arrested and placed in a holding cell overnight, even after going into the restroom that aligned with his biological sex. Because of his gender identity, even after confirming he is assigned female at birth, he has been denied medical care numerous times, and it is still an on going issue. This will be the same outcome for trans people all over the state if this bill goes forward.



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I have never had any problem in the gender neutral restrooms I have used. The doors where the toilets are, go down to the floor or almost the floor, so there is no danger of anyone crawling under the door. I am a heterosexual women if you would like to know. Males & females both can wash their hands after leaving the private stalls that the toilets are in.



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This bill does not provide ANY protection to women. This bill is simply more discriminatory thuggery attempting to drive people whose gender identity and presentation does not match a particularly bigoted and non-mainstream viewpoint out of society. It will result in the suicides of trans children and the isolation of the survivors from participation in sports. It solves NO real problems and should not be passed. Why are you so obsessed with torturing children who don't follow your pathetically narrow worldview?

This bill also represents an extreme misrepresentation of the biological reality of sex development and the manner in which the gender marker on birth certificates is determined. No genetic examination is performed, only a brief glance at observable external genitalia, and these are sometimes ambiguous and may not align with genetics due to things like androgen insensitivity. If you're going to make laws referring to things as scientific facts, perhaps you should have a better understanding of the science than the average kindergartner.



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If passed, this bill will harm my loved ones and I won't have that.



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I'm trans, I'm from Missouri, and I've lived most of my life in the same small town. I'm a graduate student, and I'm an active part of the trans community where I live. We look out for each other and support each other, because this is our home, and that's what a community does.

I think Missouri is a very beautiful part of the world, and I want it to continue to be my home. I want to be able to give back to my community and pursue my dreams. However, bills such as this, which would further marginalize trans Missourians, make calling Missouri my "forever home" feel impossible.

We deserve better than this. Transgender Missourians like me deserve to live our lives without government interference, to be part of our communities, and to be part of making Missouri a great place to live. There are so many people like me who call Missouri their home, and who work to make it a better place every single day. I think they could serve as an example for all of us.

Because what all Missourians deserve is a government that focuses on helping its constituents and improving society, rather than demonizing our friends and neighbors.

I strongly encourage all members of the legislature to oppose this bill.



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This bill being names "Women's Protection" is silly and just plain wrong. It protects no one. It directly puts trans men and women at risk in correctional facilities for harassment and violence, especially trans women, hence "Women's Protection" being a very stupid name. Putting women in men's prison is sending them to a death sentence. It is almost definite that a trans woman in a men's prison will experience harassment and/or extreme violence. Prison guards have been known to restrict trans women's access to the SHU(Solitary Housing Unit) and use trans women as a "treat" to give to male prisoners for good behavior or to calm them down. Using trans women's bodies as sex objects. Along with that, trans people are not predators and women, because that is what you are focusing on, are much, much more likely to be assaulted by a family member or someone they know closely. If you don't want to look at it like that, then strangers going into women's restrooms are not doing so under the guise of being trans and just do so as themselves. There are already laws in place prohibiting that and this bill will not stop it either. I know and have known many women or trans men who have been assaulted in the "safety" of their own house by, not strangers, but family members, friends of the family, or significant others. All of which are not trans, but cisgendered. Almost all of whom are straight, white, cis men.



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Protecting women should include protecting trans women, because if you don't trans peoples' rights to their bodily autonomy, then it's a slippery slope to banning the bodily autonomy of other classes of people. Bigotry and prejudice never move a society forward. Compassion and acceptance do.



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I'm a 55-year-old man who was assigned female at birth and transitioned 20 years ago. I have a full beard, and most people see me as male. This law would force me to use the women's restroom, causing much discomfort to women and putting me at risk for violence. Most women could probably beat the living daylights out of me, as I have dyspraxia and diabetic neuropathy, and I've never been a very physical person. I always use a gender-neutral restroom if available, but that's not always an option.

This law will also put women in greater danger from cis male predators. All a guy has to do when entering the women's restroom is claim to be a trans man.



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WITNESS NAME: ZEPHYRINE MILBRADT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Why are you thinking so much about the genitals of strangers? What is wrong with you? Leave people alone! This is an attack on a minority group in search of a problem. Go worry about the Nazis in Branson or something! I've felt more unsafe around the average man than I have around any trans person.



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I don't understand the argument that trans women using women's bathrooms puts women's safety in danger.

First of all, trans women ARE women. So they are just as entitled to women's spaces as any other woman.

Second, trans women are one of the highest risk populations for being VICTIMS of harassment and assault of all kinds, not perpetrators.

Third, I've had men, dressed as men, follow me into bathrooms before. There's more than one reason that women go to bathrooms in groups.

Men are already taking advantage of the vulnerable space. They don't need to pretend to be transgender to do so. The real issue has always been and will continue to be predatory men, not trans women.

If you truly care about sex offenders, especially child predators, then focus your efforts on campaigning to make child marriage illegal, as well as stronger sentencing for sex offenders. I seem to remember Senator Mike Moon literally arguing in favor of child marriage a couple years ago.

Don't scapegoat, attack, and villainize an already-marginalized and ostracized group because you are uncomfortable, angry, and scared about our existence and how we choose to interact with the world.