

Testimony for HB1447, restricting the use of certain public and private facilities on the basis of sex and establishing that such restriction does not qualify as discrimination

House Judiciary Committee

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Dear Committee Members,

I am here in strong support of HB1447. Why is New Hampshire forcing businesses and organizations to allow boys and men to access women's sports and spaces on the basis of self-ID or risk being sued under anti-discrimination law? It's bad from a liberty point of view because New Hampshire businesses and organizations can't opt out. They have to allow it even if their religious beliefs go against it, such as churches and religious schools. They have to allow it even when they know that vulnerable little girls will be in those spaces with grown men. They have to allow it even when they know that women who have survived domestic abuse and rape will be in spaces with men in enclosed spaces with no windows where they are partially or fully undressed.

How did we get here? We got here because that sick feeling in the pit of your stomach when you think about women and girls having to share spaces of intimate privacy with men was ignored, pushed down, and shut away so that you could vote the way you were told by do-gooders who are more concerned about social justice points than protecting vulnerable women and girls. You believed the lie that only good men will access women's spaces. That's a bizarre assertion. Why would a good man go into a place where they know women and girls would be exposed and scared to have a man in there with them? They wouldn't. It is only the bad men and the mentally unwell men that would do that.

We have seen many recent examples of trans-identified men who have committed horrible crimes like former NH Rep. Barry "Stacie" Laughton who pleaded guilty to sexual exploitation of children and distribution of child pornography. There were

two mass shootings in the last week by trans-identified men and these are the ones who are considered safe to be in vulnerable spaces with women and girls?

At the Nashua YMCA there is a women's locker room, a men's locker room, and a family locker room. The family locker room is for families with children and for people who don't feel comfortable in the women's or men's locker room. There is a man who regularly goes into the women's locker room and sits and watches the girls and women change. Because there is a pool, women and girls are regularly getting into and out of their bathing suits. Why isn't he using the family locker room? Listen to that feeling in the pit of your stomach. You know there is no good reason for it.

Men who are in jails and prisons are there either because they are suspected of committing crime, and are judged too dangerous to be free, or because they have been convicted of committing crime. Why would we lock up criminal men with women? How could you possibly justify that? That is not allowed under the Geneva Convention. New Hampshire should at the bare minimum follow the Geneva Convention which was created to "limit the barbarity of war by protecting people who are not taking part in hostilities (civilians, aid workers) and those who can no longer fight (wounded, sick, prisoners of war)." According to the Geneva Convention, it's barbaric to force women to be locked up with men. Its a humanitarian crisis we see unfolding in other states where women are being raped and impregnated by male prisoners. New Hampshire should not participate.

Please do the right thing and vote Ought to Pass on HB1447 to protect vulnerable women and girls. Listen to your gut, not the social justice warriors.

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