

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Thomas Bach, President International Olympic Committee
International Olympic Committee
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Dear President Bach,

The United States looks forward to hosting the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and to welcoming the accomplished athletes who have worked and sacrificed to reach the pinnacle of their respective sports. As the International Olympic Committee (IOC) prepares to elect new leadership, we write to express the critical need for increased protection of the rights of female athletes to fair, safe competition.

In the United States, we honor our female Olympians. These athletes, and so many others, have inspired generations of young women around the world to compete and excel. Their legacy underscores the vital importance of fairness in women's sports at every level of competition. Future Olympians are counting on the IOC to protect the opportunities of women and girls to contribute to this proud tradition. To do so, the IOC must base eligibility for women's athletic competitions on biological sex. Allowing biological males to compete in women's categories undermines competitive opportunities, safety, and respect for female athletes.

On February 5, 2025, President Donald J. Trump issued Executive Order 14201: "Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports¹." President Trump affirmed the position of the American people and those around the world, that we must preserve fairness, safety, and equal opportunity for female athletes. In preparation for the 2028 Summer Olympics, commitment from the IOC to protect women's sports is paramount.

As members of Congress, we stand united with Secretary of State Marco Rubio and President Trump in calling on the IOC to amend its standards and safeguard the opportunities of female athletes on the Olympic stage. We urge you to reaffirm the IOC's commitment to upholding the integrity of women's Olympic competitions and ensure that only biological women and girls are allowed to compete in female sports categories. The Olympic Games should be a model for integrity in sports, and the next IOC president must firmly defend the rights of dedicated female athletes.


We look forward to your leadership on this critical issue and demand that the next IOC president preserve the fundamental principles of fair competition.

¹ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/02/keeping-men-out-of-womens-sports/>

Sincerely,



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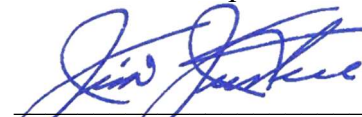
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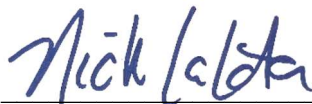
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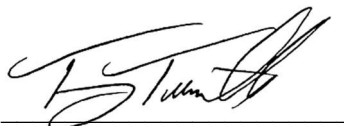
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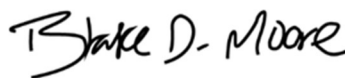
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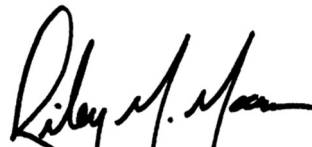
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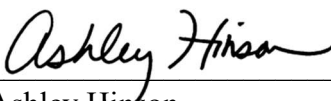
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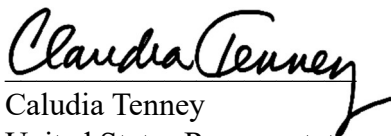
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