

Senator Kelly Loeffler (R-GA)

## The Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2020 - Support

In a society that celebrates the unique gifts and achievements of both men and women, it is crucial that opportunities in education and athletics are provided for both sexes. This is why Title IX was passed into law in 1972. But over the past several years, we've seen a growing number of cases across the nation where biological males have begun to compete — and win — in women's sports, taking away scholarships, titles, and other opportunities from women. A few high profile examples include:

- [In Connecticut](#), two biological males won 15 women's track championship titles and set a total of 17 all-time meet records. This resulted in 85 lost opportunities for female athletes to qualify for higher levels of competition.
- [A biological male MMA fighter](#) who identified as female concussed fighter Tamikka Brents and shattered her eye socket. Afterward, Brents said that "she never felt so overpowered in her life."
- [CeCe Telfer](#), a biological male from Franklin Pierce University, won the NCAA DII women's 400-meter hurdles championship. The athlete had previously competed on men's track teams the year before.
- [Mary Gregory](#), a biological male weightlifter, won all 9 events in the women's category for weightlifting at the 100% Raw Weightlifting Federation competition in Virginia. Gregory set a number of records, which were ultimately revoked.
- [In Alaska](#), a biological male high school senior advanced to the state finals for track in 2016, competing in both the 100-meter and 200-meter events. In both events, the athlete competed against girls as young as ninth grade.

In an effort to address this fundamental unfairness sweeping women's athletics, Sen. Kelly Loeffler introduced the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2020. This bill has a simple goal: to Save Women's Sports by protecting opportunities for women and girls in athletic programs and activities. In order to do that, the bill amends Title IX in two common sense ways:

- 1.) **Banning Illegal Sex Discrimination**: Under Loeffler's bill, athletic programs or activities that receive federal funding and operate, sponsor, or facilitate the participation of biological males in programs or activities designed for women or girls would be committing a form of "sex discrimination" and thus violating Title IX.
- 2.) **"Sex" is a Biological Category**: The bill specifically defines "sex" under Title IX as being "based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth."

**VOTE RECOMMENDATION:** American Principles Project strongly encourages sponsorship and passage of Sen. Kelly Loeffler's "Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act."