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Rep. Plumer Votes to Protect Girls and Women in Sports

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MADISON, WI – Today on the floor, Rep. Plumer voted to protect girls and women in sports and issued the following statements:

"As the father of 4 daughters, I cannot sit back and watch as females in high school and college sports are being forced to compete against biological males. It is not fair to them, creates physically dangerous situations, and is a direct attack on their rights. No child or college student is banned from playing any sport under the bills we passed today. They must simply compete in the league that matches their sex.

"Nearly 50 years ago, Title IX was signed into law. This law was created to honor and protect the achievements of women in their respective competitive sports. Assembly Bills 377 and 378 preserve the integrity of competition for girls and women and create a third category that is open for participants of any sex to compete together. I voted in favor of both of these bills to protect our girls and women in sports.

"Additionally, I was supportive of Assembly Bill 465, which takes action in preventing the providing of puberty blocking drugs and performing drastic life-altering surgeries to "change the gender" of children who have not even reached the age of consent. As with MANY rights, responsibility, and choices, once an individual becomes an adult under the law at 18 they are free to do as they please."

AB 377 and AB 378 now head to the state Senate for consideration. Once signed by Gov. Evers, the law will be applied the first semester or session after the effective date.