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Representative Jerry L. O'Connor Votes to Protect Women's Sports

MADISON – Representative Jerry L. O'Connor (R-Fond du Lac) issued the following statement after voting in favor of Assembly bills 100 and 102, which mandate that sports teams at public K-12 schools, private schools in parental choice programs, the University of Wisconsin system, and technical colleges be designated based on the sex of the participants:

“We must end the war on women's sports in Wisconsin.

That's why I joined my Assembly Republican colleagues today in voting in favor of Assembly bill 100 and 102, which protect women's sports in all public and private schools and colleges and universities in Wisconsin.

Assembly bills 100 and 102 ensure that Wisconsin schools and universities organize sports teams based on the sex listed on a student's birth certificate and prevents men from joining women's' teams or using women's locker rooms.

This is not a partisan issue. A recent poll from the New York Times found 79% of Americans, including 67% of Democrats, believe athletes should compete on teams that match their biological sex at birth.

Currently the NCAA and WIAA can change their stance on this issue at any time. The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that non-elected sports officials cannot change the women's competitive sports landscape in the future. If we can get the Governor to sign this bill, we will make the feelings of the 79% a matter of prevailing Wisconsin law.

For decades, women have worked hard to achieve significant progress in athletics. But across our country, women's sports have been under threat by political activists seeking to institute their partisan agenda at the expense of our communities' school-aged female student-athletes. This must end.”

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