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Protecting Children and Integrity in Sports

On Thursday, October 12th, 2023, the Wisconsin State Assembly took up a variety of bills aimed towards creating fair competition for all athletes throughout Wisconsin and stopping gender mutilation of minors. I want to make sure to focus on Assembly Bill 377 (AB 377) and Assembly Bill 465 (AB 465).

AB 377 authored by Rep. Barb Dittrich (R – 38) from Oconomowoc seeks to designate athletic sports and teams based on their sex. This would effectively make sure that females participate with other females and that males compete with other males. There would also be a third sector where individuals who claim to be “non-binary” could compete with themselves. This bill would protect the women in sports. Unfortunately, women have been put in danger because of men competing in their sports. This cannot be allowed and this is why I willingly voted yes on this bill.

A very important bill that was heard and voted on was AB 465. Until a child turns 18, they can’t vote, join the military, buy a car, change their name, or open a bank account, but somehow according to the Democrats: these kids can choose to mutilate their body. This is outrageous and makes no sense.

The brain is not fully formed until the age of 25 and the *American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry* states that, “adolescents are more likely to act on impulse, misread or misinterpret social cues and emotions.” Gender affirming care by liberal individuals goes directly against the science and there have been numerous studies that have related higher suicide rates to transgender people regretting their transition decision.

We need to protect women, their sports, and we need to protect children. Keeping children safe and not forcing them to make life altering decisions. I voted yes on AB 465 and on AB 377 and I will continue to vote for any bill that protects these groups of people.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to reach to my office at Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov.

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