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Senator Agard Responds to Anti-Trans Legislation

MADISON- Today, Legislative Republicans introduced legislation that bars trans-youth from participating in organized athletics.

Senator Agard released this statement:

“This morning, we learned that a pair of bills are being introduced by Republicans that would prohibit transgender student athletes from participating in organized sports at school. These hateful, anti-trans bills are showing up in state legislatures around the country in a coordinated attack on the LGBTQ+ community. This blatant discrimination based on gender-identity can not be tolerated.

“Let me say this loud and clear - trans rights are human rights and human rights are trans rights. This attack on the LGBTQ+ community is shameful. Trans-kids are not a political pawn that can be used to divide our communities. These are children who want to live their lives and excel just like any other child. Perpetuating anti-trans stereotypes hurts not only trans-individuals, but also the student athletes they claim they are protecting.

“The shocking intolerance of the actions taken today by legislative Republicans shows their inability to exercise compassion or empathy for those who do not fit their narrative. Trans-women are women. Protecting women and girls in sports means making sure that all women and girls are welcome in sports and feel safe to participate in them.”

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