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As a current educator of 15 years and former high school and collegiate athlete, I would like to express my disapproval of banning trans-gender athletes from participating in high school sports.

In every sense of the matter, I oppose the rationale and practice of exclusion of these high school students. We should be living in a society where we are inclusive and setting examples of love, unity and compassion for all identities and races. The conversations that I adopt and make a priority in my community and classroom are not reflected in this potential ban and I can not support these steps. It entrenches stereotypes, fear, and continues to disband any opportunity for awareness and education. To continue in this effort would be counterproductive to all that education and human rights boldy stands for in our day and age.

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