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MEMORANDUM

May 2, 2025

To: Members, Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Unfair Play: Keeping Men Out of Women’s Sports”

On Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. ET in room HVC-210 of the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center, the Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency will host a hearing titled “Unfair Play: Keeping Men Out of Women’s Sports.”

I. BACKGROUND:

USA Fencing is the Congressionally chartered National Governing Body (NGB) for fencing in the United States under the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) per the Ted Stevens Act. USA Fencing is obligated to follow all federal laws. In late March, fencer Stephanie Turner took a knee when forced to face a biological male in a women’s event and was subsequently disqualified upon receiving a “black card.”

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine the participation of men in women’s sports, and specifically USA Fencing failing to adhere to federal law as a congressionally chartered entity.

III. WITNESSES:

Ms. Stephanie Turner
Competitive Fencer

Ms. Payton McNabb
Former High School Athlete
Ambassador for Independent Women

Mr. Damien Lehfeltd
Chairman of the Board
USA Fencing