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The Honorable Debbie Lesko:

Do you believe that biological male college athletes identifying as women should be rostered and able to compete on women's teams? Why or why not?

I do not believe that a biological male should be able to compete on or vs a woman's sports team at any level. There are multiple reasons why I personally believe this but I also think that science is conclusive on the fact that biological males have different natural physical advantages than females do. Males, on average have more testosterone and have higher ceilings in attribute categories like height, weight, strength and stature than woman do. Even with puberty blockers and other medicines being provided to young men, you can't reverse the physical differences and arguable advantages young men develop. Competition should remain in our natural biological gender categories. I think all of this madness is neither encouraging nor empowering the women who have made the sacrifices to make their respective sports so great, and fought for their own recognitions.

Do you believe that NIL contracts going to biological male athletes identifying as women should be categorized as NIL contracts in women's sports? Why or why not?

No, I believe if you were born with male genitalia that you're a man and should be counted as a male. No male should ever be counted as a woman at any level of sports or society. I think we need to continue to push for woman evolvment and empowerment in their respective sports. I'm extremely encouraged by how far woman's athletics have grown over the last couple of years and look forward to what the future brings in terms of growth and opportunities for women.

The Honorable Greg Pence

How can we incentivize greater transparency and ensure that regulations result in accountability? We know that some collectives like Hoosiers for Good generate great benefits for student athletes. Could forming a collective in a transparent and accountable way be an alternative to unionizing student athletes, like some of your other panelists suggested in the hearing?

Yes, I agree with your assessment on transparent and accountable collectives. I think healthy collectives can be the key link between the universities and the student athlete. As you mentioned, there are a variety of positive collectives that

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have already been started in multiple states. The biggest concern I have is making sure that collective has the same level playing field and that the collectives are not offering monies to high school and transfer portal recruits in the form of pay for play. I believe it could be easier to monitor and regulate deals that flow through collectives than it would be to track down every student athlete and depend on them for information on each individual deal that they've signed.

The Honorable Kelly Armstrong

What suggestions do you have to address the transfer portal? How can we ensure that the transfer portal is used for more traditional reasons and not the promise of an NIL deal?

I think the transfer portal should have restrictions. I believe its intentions are good and well but what it's turned into today is not what it was intended for. For starters, I would limit transfers to make them a one time thing. Sometimes, 16-18 year old high school kids don't make the right decision -I think we can all agree with that. So the one time transfer can help with that problem. I also think a second transfer should be granted if the school you have transferred to head coach gets fired or leaves for a different job. He's why I think that, look at what's happening at Colorado. Dion Sanders just accepted Colorado's offer to become their head football coach. After their spring football game 40+ players have now entered the transfer portal from that team! That's a massive number. What happens is Deon didn't recruit these players and his name is now on the line for the teams performance and/or success. Deon wants his guys in there and it basically forces the previous coaches players down the depth chart or out of the program. That's why I think there should be another opportunity for these athletes to transfer if the head coach leaves. So often these athletes don't receive a fair chance to compete once the coach that recruited them leaves. All of this entering the portal to see what your options are is ridiculous and should never be allowed. If you want to transfer you get one more chance to make the right choice. You're either in or out, there should be no "testing the portal."