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Dear Executive Director Anderson,

We join our House Republican colleagues in seeking information on your work to align gender-based sports rules with federal mandates.

Ensuring fairness and equal opportunity in high school athletics is critical to maintaining the integrity of competition. As we are sure you are aware, recent federal actions by the Trump Administration have reaffirmed the necessity of protecting single-sex sports and ensuring that female athletes are not placed at an unfair disadvantage.

We understand that IHSA has previously established policies allowing for "transgender students whose gender identity differs from their sex assigned at birth" to seek eligibility in sports based on their gender identity. However, with the federal government's clear directives on this matter, we ask that you clarify how IHSA intends to update its policies to align with these requirements while maintaining fairness and competitive balance in girls' and women's sports.

We respectfully request a written response detailing your plans for compliance with federal directives that clearly prohibit Illinois student-athletes from participating in single-sex sports that do not align with their birth sex. We appreciate your attention to this important issue and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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