

DE SB 227

Oral Testimony

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Delaware Senate Bill 227. My name is Dr. Mahri Irvine, and I am the Executive Director of Women's Liberation Front (WoLF). WoLF is our nation's largest radical feminist, non-partisan agency. WoLF represents women of every political affiliation.

SB 227 is an excellent bill and provides a sufficient amount of detail to ensure that the integrity and fairness of women and girls' sports will not be undermined by men and boys.

On average, female human beings are smaller, weaker, and slower than male human beings. When female athletes are forced to compete in de facto mixed-sex teams, they are deprived of opportunities to win and participate fairly and safely. When boys and men win, they not only win accolades, but they also take away scholarship opportunities and career advancement opportunities for women and girls.

SB 227 would ensure that a student's biological sex is considered to be correctly stated based on the birth certificate filed at or near the time of the student's birth. WoLF applauds the inclusion of this important detail in SB 227.

Using birth certificates that were filed at or near the time of students' births will ensure that women and girls will not be forced to compete against males. Furthermore, the use of these birth certificates will ensure that people will not be psychologically coerced into referring to men as women, or vice versa. Students, coaches, school employees, and parents should be allowed to describe and refer to males as "men" and "boys" and females as "women" and "girls." Using

accurate birth certificates will ensure that people will not be forced to participate in faith-based, pseudoscientific claims that humans can transition into the opposite sex.

On behalf of women throughout the United States, we urge Delaware's leaders to support SB 227 because this bill will help protect the integrity of women's sports.