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Re: SB 132 - OPPOSED

We write in adamant opposition to SB 132, which seeks to allow men to be placed in women's correctional facilities in California based solely on subjective self-declared "gender identity." Women's Liberation Front is an all-female all-volunteer organization of over 500 members, including many living in California. On behalf of all our members, and supporters from across the U.S. and the globe, we urge you to reject this bill.

SB 132, would increase the risk of violence and injury for one of the most vulnerable groups in society: incarcerated women. It would allow any male at any time to self-declare that he has a woman "gender identity," and on that basis allow him to demand to be housed in a women's correctional facility. It would forbid prison officials from taking into account material factors that put women – *i.e.* adult human females – at greater risk of harm when incarcerated with men, including anatomy, the presence or absence of a diagnosis of gender dysphoria, and the presence or absence of any other physical or mental health diagnosis.

If adopted, **SB 132 will put women prisoners and women prison guards and staff, at serious increased risk of male violence.** These harms have received no consideration in the legislative materials offered in support of SB 132.

In plain words, here is what SB 132 would do:

- ◆ Allow any incarcerated male to claim that he has a feminine "gender identity."
- ◆ Give any such incarcerated male the legal right to be housed at a women's facility, unless the incarcerated male's "perception of [his] own health and safety needs requires a different placement."
- ◆ Force correctional facility staff to use language pretending that males who claim to have a woman "gender identity" are women.
- ◆ Forbid facility officials from considering anatomy, the presence or absence of a diagnosis of gender dysphoria, and the presence or absence of any other physical or mental health diagnosis.

- ◆ Forbid prison officials from overriding a prisoner's demand to be housed in a women's facility unless the prison official meet the extraordinarily high bar of demonstrating in advance "significant security or management concerns."

While SB 132 applies to both men and women, statistics cited in support of the bill all involve violence against incarcerated males and mention only "trans women." **There is no data, information, or discussion about the vulnerability of incarcerated females to violent assault, and no mention at all of women who identify as "trans men."** It appears the bill was designed entirely to serve the desires of incarcerated males who claim to identify as transgender, without regard for the safety and privacy of women in prison.

Senator Wiener, lead sponsor of SB 132, claims this law is needed because males who identify as transgender "face particular risk of rape and assault" in men's facilities, and therefore prison policies should "take into account a person's gender identity and their perception of safety, making them more vulnerable to violence from other incarcerated people." In other words, a man's "perception of safety" is given more weight than the material factors that make women particularly vulnerable to male violence.

SB 132 is a stunning attack on incarcerated women and one of the most extreme examples of elevating men's feelings over women's physical and psychological safety. It ignores the fundamental reasons why facilities for incarcerated individuals are segregated by sex in the first place: whether for biological or social reasons, **men are far more likely to sexually assault or rape women and to engage in other forms of violence and voyeurism.** (See, e.g. FBI 2017 crimes by sex, at: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2017/crime-in-the-u.s.-2017/topic-pages/tables/table-33>). Further, **women are the only sex capable of being involuntarily impregnated.**

Incarcerated women are some of the most vulnerable people in society. Given the scope of its jurisdiction, the Committee on Public Safety in particular owes a critical duty of care to this population of woman. We urge you to reject SB 132, and instead focus on strategies for protecting incarcerated men from violence in men's facilities.

Sincerely,

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