

Members of the Colorado Title Board  
Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024  
Remarks in response to Initiative #220

To the members of the Colorado Title Board:

My name is Lori Hvizda Ward and I want to thank you for the opportunity to address the defects in Initiative #220 regarding participation in female public school athletics programs based on biological sex at birth.

This Initiative violates the single subject rule because it affects any entity that hosts or organizes public school sporting events. This includes competitive varsity sports, intramural sports, recreational sports leagues that use public school facilities, and even physical education classes in schools. Intramural and recreational sports are different from varsity sports in that they foster health, wellbeing, and a sense of community rather than competition for college scholarships.

Most K-12 schools require physical education classes as part of their curriculum and graduation requirements. Initiative #220 includes these required classes in its discriminatory definition of sports, thereby changing classroom curriculum, which is a separate subject on its own.

As the parent of a transgender child, I remember the hostile environment my son faced in gym class. This Initiative adds an additional layer of scrutiny and discrimination for already marginalized students who are searching for a place where they belong.

As a former school board member, I was tasked with creating and implementing policies that ensured all students were safe, included, and affirmed. Initiative #220 not only addresses multiple subjects, it harms children.

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