



May 28, 2025

Dr. Charlene Williams  
Director, Oregon Department of Education  
255 Capitol Street NE  
Salem, OR 97310

Dear Dr. Williams,

The America First Policy Institute has filed a Title IX complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights regarding the Oregon Department of Education's (ODE) policy of permitting male athletes who identify as female to compete in girls' sports.

Enclosed is a courtesy copy of the complaint for your records.

As detailed in the complaint, ODE's enforcement of policies allowing biological males to participate in athletic competitions designated for girls has resulted in systemic, sex-based discrimination. Most recently, these policies led to a biological male winning first place in the Girls' High Jump at the Portland Interscholastic League Championships—an event that should have been reserved for female athletes. This outcome is not only unjust, but it deprives girls of the full educational and economic benefits that flow from athletic opportunity, including scholarship access and competitive advancement.

We urge ODE to immediately revise its guidance to ensure that biological sex is the determining factor for participation in sex-segregated sports, as required by federal law. With the Oregon State Track and Field Championships scheduled for this weekend, you have an urgent opportunity to prevent further Title IX violations from occurring.

We hope ODE take swift corrective action and stand on the side of fairness, truth, and equal opportunity for Oregon's female athletes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Hart Steinmann". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Jessica Hart Steinmann  
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Enclosure: Title IX Complaint to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights

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