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**Re: Claims of Sex-Based Discrimination – Oregon Department of Education & Oregon School Activities Association**

Dear Ms. Steinmann, Ms. O'Neill, and Mr. Casali:


Thank you for your recent referral of complaints of sex-based discrimination allegedly facilitated by the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon School Activities Association. I thank you for your trust and confidence and can assure you that we will give this matter our full and prompt attention.

As we understand your correspondence, your organization has received multiple complaints from female high school athletes in Oregon who contend that they have been actively and purposefully denied the right to compete in a female-only category and, further, that male athletes have been allowed to participate in a multitude of girls' events. When males are allowed to compete with girls in female-only sports or events, the protections afforded to female athletes by Title IX are lost, and, quite simply, the law is broken.

As you have suggested, my office will work in coordination with other federal agencies and units, including the Title IX Special Investigations Team and the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights to determine whether the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon School Activities Association have violated the obligations under Title IX, among other federal laws and regulations.

My office and I look forward to working with you.

Best regards,

  
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