



## OREGON STATE LEGISLATORS

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To: National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics  
Council of Presidents  
120 W. 12th Street, Suite 700  
Kansas City, Mo. 64105

Subject: Letter of Support Praising NAIA's Policy to Protect Women Athletes

We the undersigned applaud and affirm your board's common sense decision to prevent men from competing in women's athletics. We, like you, wish to preserve, protect and celebrate the female athletes who have dedicated much of the lives, utilized their gifts and developed their skills, in order to achieve both academic and athletic excellence.

The evidence is clear that only harm comes from allowing boys and men to participate in women's sports. Not only does such participation discourage young women to strive towards their goals, sometimes significant physical harm can ensue from such allowance. It is our desire that other bodies of governance would reach the same thoughtful and reasonable conclusion concerning their women's athletic policies as has the NAIA.

Thank you for putting the health and well being of women first. There is a bright future ahead for women's athletics but only if we choose the policies to best serve, encourage and protect women.

Sincerely,

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