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Senator David Brock Smith Applauds U.S. Supreme Court Decision Upholding Protections for Girls' Sports

SALEM, OR — **Senator David Brock Smith** (R-Port Orford) issued the following statement today in response to the United States Supreme Court's decision affirming that **biological boys may not compete in girls' scholastic sports**, a ruling that reinforces long-standing Title IX protections and ensures fairness for female athletes nationwide.

"Today's Supreme Court decision is a victory for the integrity of girls' sports. For decades, Title IX has guaranteed equal opportunities for female athletes, and this ruling reaffirms that those protections cannot be undermined," said **Senator David Brock Smith**.

Strong Support in Oregon and Across the Nation, as recent polling shows broad public support for policies that preserve female athletic divisions. A 2025 survey conducted by *The Oregonian/OregonLive* found that **62% of Oregon voters** believe that girls' scholastic sports should be reserved for biological females. While a 2024 *Gallup* poll reported that **69% of Americans** believe transgender athletes should compete based on their sex at birth. A 2025 *Washington Post/KFF* survey similarly found that **over two-thirds of parents'** support maintaining sex-based divisions in youth and high school sports.

Senator Brock Smith emphasized that these numbers reflect concerns raised by parents, coaches, and athletes across Oregon and the country who argue that allowing biological males to compete in girls' divisions creates an uneven playing field and jeopardizes both safety and competitive equity.

"Girls deserve a level playing field. They deserve to compete, to excel, and to win based on their own hard work and talent, which is why I drafted [SB 787](#). This decision ensures that those opportunities remain protected, and the polling shows that Oregonians and Americans overwhelmingly agree. Our students continue to fall behind across the educational metrics and Oregon Democrats need to stop listening to their special interest groups, and start listening to the majority of parents, and of Oregonians," said **Senator David Brock Smith**.

Senator David Brock Smith noted that Oregon has seen increasing debate over athletic eligibility policies and reiterated his commitment to supporting legislation that protects women's sports, respects biological distinctions, and upholds the intent of Title IX.

"This ruling provides clarity, and it provides reassurance. I will continue working with my colleagues to ensure Oregon's policies reflect both the law and the values of fairness and safety for all student athletes," concluded **Senator David Brock Smith**.

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Senator David Brock Smith represents Senate District 1, which includes Curry, Coos and Douglas Counties, Southwest Oregon's Fish, Farm & Forestry District. This press release and an archive of previous press releases issued by Senator David Brock Smith's office are available on the web at: www.oregonlegislature.gov/smithd