

LET KIDS PLAY SPORTS

Transgender and non-binary kids are kids. They deserve the same opportunities, inclusion, and community as all other kids. **No child should face discrimination or be excluded simply for being true to themselves.**

17 BILLS ATTACKING LGBTQ PEOPLE

were enacted into law in 2021 nationwide, more than in any other past year.



7 sports exclusion laws



2 laws censoring education



1 healthcare ban

UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND A WASTE OF TAX DOLLARS:

Laws that violate rights, censor speech, and ban healthcare are subject to legal challenges. If the state loses in court, it will foot the bill. **Similar legislation has been blocked in federal court**, including the Arkansas ban on healthcare, the Tennessee “bathroom bill,” and the West Virginia athlete exclusion law.

BLOCKED

CHILDREN NEED SUPPORT AND INCLUSION:

PARTICIPATION CREATES POSITIVE OUTCOMES:

Having the opportunity to participate in sports results in positive outcomes for students — better grades, greater homework completion, higher educational and occupational aspirations, and improved self-esteem.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS FOR THE SAME REASONS:

Trans students participate in sports for the same reasons other young people do: to challenge themselves, improve fitness, and be part of a team. Pushing some of our most vulnerable children out of their community tell them the adults in their life do not believe they deserve to live a full life.

EQUAL PROTECTION AND PRIVACY RIGHTS APPLY TO ALL PEOPLE:

Bills that single out and discriminate against transgender students violate state and federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection.

Documenting a child's chromosomes and reproductive anatomy violate their privacy. No child should be forced to undergo a genital exam to prove who they are.

PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES AND ATHLETIC ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT THE INCLUSION OF TRANS ATHLETES:

The National Women's Law Center, Women's Sports Foundation, Women Leaders in College Sports, and others support inclusive policies.