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RE: "Sports Equality" Editorial.

Dear Mr. Dzwonkowski:

In your Sports Equality Editorial, you correctly point out that the act of only harming Michigan's female high school athletes, by scheduling their major sports (6 sports in total), out of their traditional seasons, is wrong and needs correcting. For whatever gain John Roberts conjectures MHSAA's discrimination brings girls (high participation numbers?), the fact is that MHSAA does discriminate against girls to the benefit of boys, boys who have been protected from having to play their sports out of their tradition seasons. For those who can't see it, the goal is fair treatment, not just equal opportunities for scholarships. It may be inconvenient for a few now, during a change of seasons to undo the harm, but this is better than continuing the injustice forever.

Just so your readers know, there have been instances when it was proposed to schedule a male sport out of season, but the MHSAA Representative Council would not do it, because of the harm it would bring boys. Any harm that opponents say that changing seasons might bring boys, is a harm that girls have been forced to endure since 1972. Any inconvenience boy's sports might experience in sharing facilities and fan base, is a harm girls have experienced since 1972. Our Michigan citizens are just as smart as the people in every other state in our nation who have already figured out how to treat both boys and girls with fairness! Its time for Michigan to stop the MHSAA discrimination of our girls.

Sincerely,

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