

Governor Mark Gordon
State Capitol
200 West 24th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002

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Dear Governor Gordon,

Independent Women fights for women by expanding support for policy solutions that aren't just well-intended, but actually enhance freedom, opportunities, and well-being. Independent Women is also the author of the Stand with Women Act, which is the sex-definition and preservation of female spaces model legislation that has been implemented across the country, including in Idaho and Montana, and most recently used as the basis for President Trump's day-one **executive order** to define sex-based words.

We write to ask you to please sign House Bill 0032 (*drafted from Independent Women's Stand with Women model*) into law.

We have seen and experienced firsthand the negative repercussions of allowing men into female spaces, such as sports, locker rooms, prisons, and sororities. When men enter into women's spaces, they take valued positions, memberships, and opportunities from very deserving women.

Instances of males demanding access to women's spaces are happening repeatedly all across the country. In **Wyoming**, in particular, some of us, as members of **the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority**, are continuing our fight to keep our membership female after the chapter voted to admit a male who identifies as a woman.

It is critical for HB0032, What is a Woman Act, to become law. This bill would help protect women's hard earned rights and spaces.

By defining common sex-based words—words like 'woman' and 'female' already used in 252 unique Wyoming statutes—HB0032 will give meaning to

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common words so that Wyoming courts have clarity when interpreting laws that already exist, something we wish wasn't necessary but has proven to be crucial to ensuring women don't lose their sex-based rights.

Signing HB0032 into law is a necessary step to codify President Trump's latest sex-definition executive order. It would ensure that Wyoming women and girls are guaranteed the right to privacy, safety, and equal opportunity.

Wyoming's great state seal says "Equal Rights" at the top, yet until sex-based words are defined in statute, Wyoming women will continue to lose out to men.

We respectfully request that you please sign HB0032 into law. Please stand with the over 280,000 women and girls in Wyoming. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Kim Russell is the former Head Women's Lacrosse Coach at Oberlin College.

Hannah Holtmeier is a former student at the University of Wyoming and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority who gained national attention for fighting for female-only sororities.

Allie Cohan is a former student at the University of Wyoming and has gained national attention for speaking out against males in female-only sororities and spaces.

Jaylyn Westenbroek was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at the University of Wyoming but left the sorority after the chapter chose to prioritize the feelings of men over women in her chapter. She's the lead plaintiff on the Westenbroek v. Kappa Kappa Gamma lawsuit.

Madeline Ramar is a Kappa Kappa Gamma member at the University of Wyoming who gained national attention for her role in the Westenbroek v. Kappa Kappa Gamma lawsuit.