

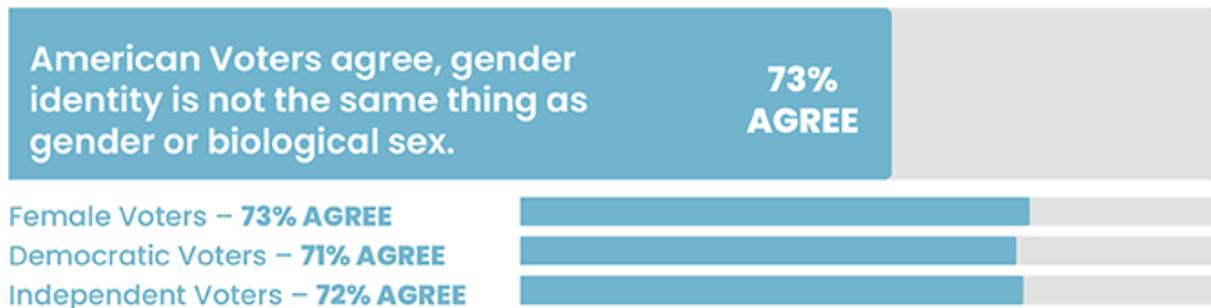
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Dear Senator Riepe,

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.

We write to ask you to please support Legislative Bill 89, the Stand with Women Act.

Similar legislation has been supported and championed by both Democrats and Republicans across the United States. Recent polling proves that Americans, including Nebraskans, overwhelmingly agree that defining sex-based words like 'woman' and 'man' is important, and that women deserve access to single-sex spaces, sports, and opportunities. Simply put, we cannot fight sex discrimination if we cannot define 'sex.'



Source: Wick Insights - n1050, January 24-28

LB 89 codifies the original meaning of basic sex-based words in order to ensure that women's rights aren't compromised by judicial or administrative fiat. It articulates Nebraska's important interest in offering single-sex spaces, such as sports, prisons, locker rooms, and domestic violence shelters, to advance equal opportunity, privacy, safety, and fairness.

For questions, email states@iww.org.

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By defining common sex-based words—words like ‘woman’ and ‘female’ already used in 149 Nebraska statutes—LB 89 will give meaning to common words so that Nebraska 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.

Additional polling can be found [here](#), and a full list of supportive testimony from Independent Women can be found [here](#).

We respectfully request that you please support LB 89. Your constituents will thank you for standing with the almost 1 million women and girls in Nebraska. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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