



Independent Women Supports The Defining Male and Female Act of 2025

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Dear Senator Marshall and Representative Miller,

Independent Women is the leading women's organization dedicated to advancing policies that expand people's freedom, opportunity, and well-being.

We are pleased to strongly support the **Defining Male and Female Act of 2025**, which affirms that sex is a biological reality determined at conception.

For years, Independent Women has championed policies to define sex-based terms like “man” and “woman” while safeguarding women's private and vulnerable spaces, including sports, locker rooms, bathrooms, and prisons.

In 2022, we launched the Stand With Women initiative, amplifying the voices of **over 70% of Americans** who support these goals. Our Stand With Women Act has since become **model legislation** to define sex and protect women's spaces in 15 states—30% of states—(soon to be 16 with Georgia Governor Brian Kemp signing).

There are only two sexes—male and female—and these categories are immutable. Biological sex remains constant, regardless of how someone identifies.

As new polling commissioned by Independent Women's Voice and conducted by Wick Insights shows, **86%** of American Voters overwhelmingly agree, women and men are legally equal, but they are not biologically the same.

Yet, over the past decade, gender ideology has infiltrated business, education, government, and social institutions. For example, the Daughters of the American Revolution, a nonpolitical, genealogical society for women, **began accepting men** and members. St. Mary's College, the last remaining all-girls Catholic college, **attempted to accept men** identifying as women as students, though this policy was reversed due to the efforts of two female students.

This ideology poses real risks of serious harm. As our mini-documentary series, “**Cruel & Unusual Punishment: The Male Takeover of Women's Prisons**” and extensive report, titled “**Cruel and Unusual Punishment: Stopping the Dangerous Policies Putting Men in Women's Prisons**”

revealed, government officials have permitted men identifying as women—many of whom are violent, sexual predators serving time for heinous crimes—to be housed in women’s prisons. This practice has endangered female inmates by placing men in intimate spaces where they sleep, shower, and use restroom facilities. Sadly, many women have suffered well-documented physical and psychological damage.

Ninety-one percent of American Voters agree, when it comes to prisons, there are important reasons to separate the sexes.

Furthermore, in recent years, individuals of all ages have faced pressure to believe they were born in the “wrong body,” often leading to **irreversible medical procedures** and lifelong dependency on treatment. Men identifying as women have competed in women’s sports, sometimes causing injuries. Worse, cases have emerged of pedophiles and autogynophiles exploiting claims of female identity to access women’s private spaces.

The Biden administration **eroded Title IX**—replacing sex with gender identity—and undermined its original purpose: preventing sex-based discrimination and protecting women. Women should not have to battle to preserve their sex or their spaces. Thankfully, President Trump’s day-one sex-definition executive order rejected this absurd and pernicious ideology and provided needed clarity to sex-based words like “woman,” “man,” “female,” and “male,” preserving the legal existence of women as distinct from men. Now is the time for Congress to codify this order.

We strongly support this legislation and urge Congress to join you in protecting women and defining sex-based language. Thank you both, Senator Marshall and Representative Miller, for your leadership on this important issue.

Respectfully,



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