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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
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Governor Newsom,

I was very pleased to hear the comments you made on your podcast earlier this month affirming you do not think it is “fair” for men to be allowed to compete in women’s sports. This really shouldn’t be controversial as 79% of Americans – and 67% of Democrats – agree on this. Unfortunately, that polling memo has not reached Democrat headquarters as every single U.S. Senate Democrat voted against the *Protection of Women and Girls Act*, which would have protected women’s sports, when it came to the Senate floor earlier this month. While I would have preferred your comments to have come before the pivotal vote, I still commend you for your courage and am hopeful that your Democrat colleagues might follow your lead and vote differently on the *Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act* in the future.

All of America is looking forward to Los Angeles hosting the 2028 Summer Olympics. It doesn’t matter who you are – whether Democrat or Republican, rich or poor, male or female – we all come together under the red, white, and blue during these games. The Olympics are a celebration of human excellence, diversity, and sportsmanship, but it’s also an opportunity to show the world what we stand for.

As Governor of California, you have a massive opportunity to send a clear message to the world: in the United States, we protect the rights of women to fairly and safely compete. As we welcome athletes from all backgrounds, it is crucial that we strike a balance between fair competition and inclusivity. The current debate surrounding transgender athletes is an important one, and I believe that thoughtful, evidence-based guidelines can ensure that the spirit of fairness and opportunity is preserved for all competitors. This isn’t about excluding transgender athletes – it is about protecting the rights of female athletes who have worked their entire lives to compete and deserve a fair opportunity.

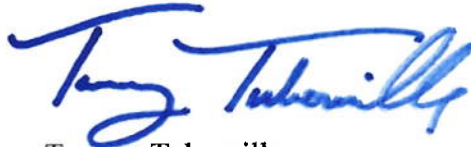
I encourage you, in collaboration with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), to advocate for and implement clear, transparent, and scientifically supported rules for these Games. The last thing the world wants to see in 2028 is a repeat of the Paris Olympics, where we witnessed a

person with male chromosomes repeatedly punch a female athlete in the face in the women's boxing competition.

Women and girls around the world deserve to see the most elite female athletes thrive, compete and win. After all, what kind of a message are we communicating to our daughters if we encourage them to work hard and practice, but at the end of the day their rights to make a team or earn a medal could be stripped away and handed to a man? This is a punch in the face to the thousands of feminists who fought so hard for the rights of women in America. Women make up 50% of this country – and it is our obligation to honor and protect them in the 2028 Games.

I look forward to working with you to accomplish these shared goals. Together, we can bring sanity back to women's sports and showcase that in America, women have the same rights to equal, fair competition as men.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tommy Tuberville". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tommy" and last name "Tuberville" clearly legible.

Tommy Tuberville  
U.S. Senator