



“Recent action on the federal level safeguarding women’s rights is encouraging, but is not enough to ensure the rights of women and girls in Nebraska are upheld. The Nebraska Legislature must codify sex-based terms into state code by supporting LB 89.”

Beth Parlato

“Over 764 females have been displaced by males competing in women’s sporting events. There are many more stories that never receive public attention because people are too frightened to speak out. The Stand with Women Act would codify our common understanding of sex-based words like ‘man’ and ‘woman’ in state statutes so when it comes to interpreting Nebraska’s laws that reference these terms, we are all speaking a common language. It would protect single-sex spaces and opportunities for the over 900,000 women and girls in Nebraska.”

Riley Gaines

“The discrimination and erosion of female rights to play sports and have safe spaces, such as prisons and locker rooms, keeps me up at night and our state needs to do something about it so my granddaughter and all girls have the same opportunities I had to play sports.”

Melissa Money-Beecher

“I believe that everyone deserves a safe space. A space where they can relax and open up to others who understand them. For me, that space was my sorority house. For other women, that space is in the locker room or on the court with their team.”

Hannah Holtmeier

“By turning a blind eye to this issue, female spaces and sports will remain unprotected in Nebraska, and women’s rights will remain under attack. I want to also note that action on the federal level does not solve this problem. It merely highlights the responsibility that the Nebraska Legislature has to our citizens to codify sex-based terms and ensure our laws are always based on objective truth and protect women and men as they were written to do. The federal government can’t do that for us.”

Abbey New

“If the adults in the room don't start standing up and putting an end to this senseless threat to females, there won't be women's sports. Women have a right to a fair and equal opportunity on and off the playing field. Men have no place in our single-sex spaces.”

Payton McNabb

“I will never apologize for believing that women and girls should have the right to single sex competition. I’m hoping that my speaking up will give other coaches, administrators, faculty, parents, and athletes the courage to do the same.”

Kim Russell

“We all want to ensure the rights of all are protected, but when men invade women’s spaces, like prisons, women are disproportionately harmed and their rights are discarded in the name of inclusion. You can be both for equality and single-sex spaces.”

Amie Ichikawa

“Sports are one area where sex differences cannot be ignored. Women’s sports were created to give female athletes an opportunity to compete, excel, and showcase their talents on a fair playing field. Without clear protections, these opportunities will continue to erode, and young girls will see their dreams and accomplishments overshadowed by an uneven system.”

Lauren Miller

“Competing at the highest level of golf has been my greatest honor. It has been the result of determination, years of hard work, and world-class skill. The Stand with Women Act will ensure that the next generation of women have access to fair competition and single-sex spaces.”

Hannah Arnold

“Without legislative action, I fear that future generations of female athletes will be robbed of these experiences. As a mother and a professional athlete, I believe it is my responsibility to stand up for what is right. Supporting Legislative Bill 89 is not about excluding anyone; it is about ensuring fairness and safeguarding the opportunities that women and girls deserve.”

Amy Olson

“I’m reminded every day of how important this fight is, and that I’m not doing this for me. I’m doing this for future generations, my niece and my cousin, so that they can enjoy all of these things that I got the chance to enjoy and not have to fight for it. It is crucial that Nebraska law protects private spaces for women, even more than just sororities. Locker rooms, prisons, rape-crisis centers, and athletic teams are also at risk.”

Allison Cohan

“Female-only spaces are not just about tradition; they are about creating environments where women can feel secure, supported, and empowered.”

Maddie Ramar

“This isn’t just about sororities—it’s about protecting all women’s spaces, from sports teams to shelters, where privacy and safety are paramount.”

Jaylyn Westenbroek