IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING

WASHINGTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, et al., *Plaintiffs*, vs. STATE OF WASHINGTON, *Defendant*, and FEMALE ATHLETES UNITED, *Proposed Intervenor-Defendant*.	CASE NO. 26-2-36880-5 SEA DECLARATION OF AHNALEIGH WILSON IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED INTERVENOR-DEFENDANT FEMALE ATHLETES UNITED'S MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Ahnaleigh Wilson, declare as follows:

1. I am seventeen years old. I am fully competent to make this declaration.

2. I reside with my family in East Wenatchee, Washington, in Douglas County.

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3. I am currently a junior at Eastmont High School, in the Eastmont School District. My school is a member of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) and applies that organization's rules.

4. I am a member of Female Athletes United ("FAU").

5. I believe preserving women's sports is essential because female athletes hold value. Title IX was fought for by courageous women who wanted girls like me to have equal and fair opportunities, and I want the same thing for the girls after me. Girls deserve fairness and safety, and Washington voters agreed. Initiative 638 secures what Title IX was meant to guarantee.

My experience playing girls' sports

6. I have been a runner since I was five years old. My mom was a runner in high school, and she was the one who got me interested in running competitively. I have been competing in track meets since I was a child. I currently run track for my high school and I run for Spokane Speed Academy, my running club, in the winter and summer.

7. I have also played basketball from a young age, starting in second grade. I played basketball through Amateur Athletic Union ("AAU") from third grade to eighth grade, on my junior high school basketball team in seventh and eighth grade, and on the junior varsity team at my high school my freshman year.

8. Since sophomore year, my focus has been on cross country and track. I made the varsity cross country team as a freshman, and again my sophomore and junior cross-country seasons. My sophomore year, I finished 9th at our district meet and ultimately took 67th place out of 154 competitors at the 4A State Championships.

9. I have qualified for the 4A girls' cross country state championship all three years of high school. I intend to compete in cross country and expect to qualify for state again next year.

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10. My cross country honors include a 5K personal record of 19:27.16, First Team All-Conference (2024–2025 and 2025–2026), Second Team All-Conference (2026), and the First Team All-Conference Sportsmanship Award (2026). I am team captain this year, and I will be team captain again next year.

11. In track and field, my personal records include 1:01.94 in the 400m, 2:22.25 in the 800m, 5:04.90 in the 1500m, 5:23.83 in the 1600m, 5:25.63 in the mile, 12:31.93 in the 3200m, 4:14.18 in the 4x400m relay, and 19:28.5 in the 5K. I have received Honorable Mention All-Conference in the 4x400 relay and the 1600m.

12. I plan to keep attending Eastmont High School and to keep competing in cross country and track until I graduate in 2028.

13. My goal is to earn a college scholarship for running.

14. I run because it helps with my anxiety and keeps me mentally healthy. Running teaches me to work through failures and to believe in myself. It has taught me discipline, time management, and how to work with others. I love the friendships, and I love the competition.

15. Girls' sports give girls opportunities to compete and thrive, and they show us that we are important enough to have those opportunities.

Competing against male athletes in races

16. On May 18, 2024, when I was in eighth grade, I raced the 1600m at the Cashmere Junior Olympics against a biologically male athlete from Liberty Bell. Before the race, I noticed that this athlete had a very different, more masculine build. I was ahead for the entire race until the athlete passed me in the last 200 meters. The athlete took first place, and I took second.

17. I stood next to that athlete on the podium. After I stepped off the podium, I heard people talking about the fact that the athlete was a boy. That athlete took my first-place finish.

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18. When I spoke up to voice my concerns about competing against that athlete, I was met with hate from adults and some kids. I was dismissed and called a bigot, transphobic, and other awful things. I was told that it would be my fault if the biologically male athlete took his life.

19. This backlash caused me extreme anxiety. I experienced dissociation twice in one day in June 2024 due to the stress from the hate I received. It has been a huge burden to carry for the past few years. I did not understand why I received so much hate for stating the truth that boys' and girls' bodies were different.

20. On September 28, 2024, I competed at the Bellevue Cross Country Invitational against a biologically male athlete from Seattle Academy. That athlete placed 4th, and I placed 7th, so the athlete bumped me down a place. I learned on the day of the race that the athlete was biologically male when a parent from another team told my family.

21. On November 7, 2026, I competed at the WIAA state cross country meet against another biologically male athlete, who placed 23rd. I was running with a bone stress injury, but I finished and placed 150th. I chose to compete despite my injury because I wanted to run and I did not want a boy to overshadow my accomplishments. That athlete's participation also bumped me down in the results.

22. During the race, I thought about quitting. But the crowd cheered for me, and people knew my name because of my stance for girls' sports. When I finished, my mom started crying because she was so proud of me.

23. The biologically male athletes I have competed against were stronger and faster than most girls. They had more muscle, and their legs were bigger.

24. Having to compete against biologically male athletes makes me feel upset and discouraged. I feel that no matter how hard I try, it will never be enough. My friends and I talked about the 2024 Cashmere race in eighth grade, and we were

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upset. My coaches cannot speak openly about this issue, but privately they have told me they do not agree with it.

25. These experiences made me work even harder to prove to the adults who said negative things that I am a good athlete. I have never beaten the boys, but I have always tried my best—even to the point of competing at state with a bone stress injury.

26. If Initiative 638 does not take effect, I expect that I will have to compete against the biologically male athlete from the November 7, 2026 state meet again at next year's state meet, because that athlete is in my grade.

27. And because that athlete is biologically male, with the physical differences that entails, I expect he will bump me down in the rankings.

My public advocacy for girls' sports

28. I have been advocating for fairness in girls' sports since I was 14.

29. Girls shouldn't lose roster spots, podium finishes, or privacy to male athletes.

30. My family has contacted the WIAA about the unfairness of boys competing in girls' sports. My family also attended Eastmont School District school board meetings, which led to a resolution from the school district. I met with State Senator Shelly Short, who tried to help us.

31. In February 2025, my family and other parents, with help from the Washington Parents Network, filed a Title IX complaint with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights against Washington State Superintendent Chris Reykdal, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Washington State Governor Bob Ferguson.[1]

[1] *Washington Parents Network Title IX Complaint*, Wash. Parents Network (Feb. 28, 2025), https://washingtonparentsnetwork.com/news/washington-parents-network-title-ix-complaint.

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32. I collected about 50 letters from parents, coaches, and girls in Washington state explaining why they want girls to have safe and fair competition, and I delivered them when I met with Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal in April of this year.

33. This summer, I attended a Seattle Storm WNBA game to support Indiana Fever player Sophie Cunningham, who had publicly taken a stand for protecting girls' sports. My friend and I sat courtside with signs thanking Sophie for her support. But during the game, Storm co-owner Celeste Keaton approached my friend and me and used awful language against us. I was stunned and started to cry. The WNBA fined Ms. Keaton and suspended her from attending the Storm's next five home games.[2]

34. I have also traveled to Washington, D.C., to listen to Supreme Court hearings on this subject.

35. I have spoken to the news media and at public events about my experience and the importance of protecting girls' sports.[3]

36. At my speaking events, I have to have security guards to protect me. Needing armed guards has been terrifying and has caused me severe anxiety.

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[2] Jackson Thompson, *Sophie Cunningham Fan Who Was Confronted by Storm Co-Owner Opens Up on Incident and Facing Trans Athletes*, Fox News (July 31, 2026), https://www.foxnews.com/outkick-sports/sophie-cunningham-fan-confronted-storm-co-owner-opens-incident-facing-trans-athletes.

[3] Matt Calkins, *High School Athlete Cursed Out by Seattle Storm Owner Runs Against Trans Athlete at State Championship*, Fox News (Nov. 8, 2026), https://www.foxnews.com/outkick-sports/high-school-runner-cursed-seattle-storm-owner-faces-camas-trans-athlete-state-championship; Dan Zaksheske, *Teenage Girl Who Lost to Trans Runner Speaks Out: 'Unfair' for Everyone*, OutKick (Oct. 15, 2024), https://www.outkick.com/sports/teenage-girl-trans-runner-speaks-out-ahnaleigh-wilson; Melissa Koenig, *Girl, 14, Bravely Details Her Disappointment and Anger of Losing Track Meet to Trans Athlete*, Daily Mail (Oct. 10, 2024), https://www.dailymail.com/news/article-13948231/Annaleigh-Wilson-disappointment-anger-losing-Washington-track-meet-trans-athlete.html.

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Washington Initiative 638

37. It is my understanding that Washington Initiative 638 requires a health care provider to verify that an athlete is biologically female before she competes in girls' sports, and that it takes effect on December 3, 2026.

38. I publicly supported Washington Initiative 638. I traveled around Washington state to gather signatures for the Initiative and publicly asked adults to vote for it. My name appears in the voters' pamphlet as one of the people who helped with the write-up.

39. I do not find the Initiative's form requirement to be embarrassing or invasive. I am 100% willing to have my health care provider complete a form verifying that I am female. My sports physicals are done by my regular doctor, whom I have seen for at least a few years. This doctor has my medical records, and my pediatric visits included checks that verified I am a girl.

40. Some people say that biologically male athletes' participation in girls' sports fosters community and belonging. That has not been my experience. Instead, it has pushed girls aside, and it felt like we were being silenced.

41. If a court blocked Initiative 638, it would be devastating to me. It would feel like my two and a half years of advocating for girls and the mental toll it has taken on me were a waste. It would feel like we were being told to move over and accept something that we are not comfortable with. It would feel like discrimination.

42. Every girl deserves fairness, safety, and a real shot at winning. Washington voters said so, and our state government should respect it.

43. These facts are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct. If called to testify, I could and would testify competently to these facts.

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I, Ahnaleigh Wilson, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 13th day of November, 2026, at East Wenatchee, Washington.

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