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 CHARLIE GARRETT IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED INTERVENOR-DEFENDANT FEMALE ATHLETES UNITED'S MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Charlie Garrett, declare as follows:

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

2. I am a student at Skyview High School in Vancouver, Washington. I am currently in eleventh grade. My school is a member of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association ("WIAA"). I am a member of Female Athletes United.

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3. I started running in fifth grade, and I have been on my school cross-country and track teams since sixth grade. Since seventh grade, I have been part of a running club and trained every day. During the summer and winter off-seasons, I train and compete with my running club.

4. I absolutely love running. It is the place where I feel most calm and without stress. I love pushing my body to be my very best. I am hoping to run D1 or D2 in college, and I want to get a scholarship for running if I can.

5. Sadly, this cross-country season has been difficult for me because of a male runner who began competing in girls' meets in our district.

6. Skyview had a meet against Camas High School on September 15, 2026. Before the meet, my teammates and I learned that a male runner, who had started the season on the junior varsity boys' team, was competing on the Camas girls' team. Camas allowed him to switch teams, we heard, because of WIAA's gender-identity rules that allow any student to participate based on gender identity, even if it does not match their sex.

7. I do not believe it is fair or right for a male to compete in girls' cross country. I know that boys are inherently faster than girls, even when we train just as hard and push ourselves just as much. Boys have more lung capacity, longer legs, and greater speed. Any runner knows this.

8. I felt that it was unfair and that girls would have opportunities taken away by something we couldn't control. This athlete started running as a boy at the beginning of the season, and then a week later decided he would like to be entered in girls' races. It troubled me that spots could be taken away from my teammates and me at bigger meets like districts, regionals, and state.

9. Men are not supposed to be in girls' safe spaces, like their locker rooms and track races. But if males continue to be allowed to participate as girls, they will put us at risk in those spaces.

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10. Before the Camas meet, a varsity teammate and I decided to protest by stepping off the line. My teammate, Sierra, and I both wrote "Keep Women in Women's Sports" on our arms and legs before the race. When it came time for the girls' varsity race, we lined up on the start line like we normally do. Once the gun went off, we walked about five meters and then stepped off the course.

11. After we walked off the starting line, the Camas runner's mother began following and recording Sierra and me. This was scary and intimidating. She followed us around for the rest of the meet. At least twice, my mom approached the Camas runner's mother and asked her to stop following and filming us, but she refused to stop.

12. That day, the male runner finished with a time of 22 minutes, 18 seconds. (A high school cross country race is 5000 meters, which is about three miles.) He would have been in the back of the pack in the boys' race. In the boys' race that day, a boy with the same time finished 60th out of 96 runners. But in the girls' race, the same time was fast enough for seventh place.

13. After the media started reporting on the male runner, our walk off protest started appearing in the news and online. Sierra and I have been criticized in the media and ostracized by many of our classmates, and even our teammates. One teammate's mom called us "hateful girls," and she has been attending meets wearing hats and T-shirts that promote "trans sports." Even though I was a team captain this season, most of our teammates will not talk to me and seem to be shunning both of us. I have lost friends because I spoke out about the unfairness of allowing males in girls' sports.

14. But I have also been encouraged and supported by people in the community. Sierra and I both spoke to reporters about our experience. I was grateful for the opportunity to explain why even one male competing takes away a place, a medal, or an opportunity for a girl. Although I did not protest out of ill will

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toward the male runner personally, I strongly believe his participation is wrong. I encouraged people to vote for Initiative 638 because it would restore fairness in girls' sports.

15. I saw in the news that a big group of Camas cross-country runners also walked off in protest at a meet on October 13. They objected to a male competing on their own team. I was encouraged to see that other girls were also protesting the unfairness of a boy competing in girls' cross country.

16. Sierra and I had made our point, and we did not repeat the protest when we again raced against Camas at the district meet. I resolved to treat the male athlete with respect and kindness, without saying anything mean or negative. But I would race to the best of my abilities and do my best to place as high as I could.

17. At the district meet, I was in second place most of the race. In the last 600 meters, I heard heavy footsteps coming up behind me. It was the Camas runner, and he put on extra speed to pass me in the last stretch of the race. I heard him shout as he passed, then saw him put his arms up to celebrate having beaten me. There was no way for me to run as fast as he sprinted to the finish line. The male athlete finished second. I finished third.

18. I was distraught at losing a place in the district meet to a male runner. Then, as I was bent over recovering, crying, I heard my mom say, "Don't touch my daughter!" The male runner was approaching me from behind and reaching out like he was going to put his arms around me. I heard my mom standing up for me, telling the boy not to touch me, and then one of the Camas coaches yelling to stop my mom from protecting me.

19. This was a terrible end to the district meet, which is usually a fun and celebratory day as runners look forward to the postseason and encourage their teammates.

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20. Standing on the podium next to this male was very uncomfortable and upsetting. I should have taken second place, but I was pushed to third because a male had taken a medal in the girls' district finals. The girl who finished fourth was left off the podium. Every girl behind her also lost a place.

21. This happened again at regionals. I had been well ahead of the Camas male runner for most of the race. Again, he put on a burst of speed that I could not match, and he passed me in the final stretch. Our finishing times were one second apart. He finished seventh, and I finished eighth.

22. At regionals, the top eight runners win medals and a spot on the podium. This male runner had again taken a podium spot from a girl. And this time, he did not even come to the medal ceremony. Although I had felt uncomfortable and sad about standing on the podium with him at the district meet, I felt even worse when he didn't bother to show up to accept the medal that would have been mine. He does not even care, I thought, about the honor that so many girls worked so hard to earn.

23. I qualified for state, but this male's participation meant that the girl who finished 50th did not qualify. Her opportunity to race in the state championship was taken by a male who did not even bother to attend the awards ceremony.

24. At the state championship meet on November 7, I saw the male runner at the starting line but did not see him for most of the race. I was again ahead for most of the race. But in the last 800 meters, he put on a burst of speed and passed about 30 girls, including me. He finished 23rd in the state. I finished 39th. Each of the girls he sprinted past—and all the girls behind them—lost a place in the final state standings.

25. I shared my story publicly, and my story was discussed as Washington voters were considering Initiative 638. See, for example, Ryan Canfield, *Washington HS Girls Blast Male Athlete Participating in Track Meet: "Don't Think That That's*

Right or Fair," OutKick (Oct. 14, 2026, at 13:13 EDT), https://www.foxnews.com/outkick-sports/washington-hs-girls-blast-male-athlete-participating-track-meet-dont-think-thats-right-fair. I know my story received a lot of media attention. I was glad to help inform voters of the importance of passing the Initiative.

26. When I heard last week that the women's sports initiative was likely to pass, I felt so relieved and happy. It was just so encouraging to hear that everything we had done was going to make a difference. Standing up for what I believe is right has been isolating and difficult. But it will all be worth it to protect girls from unfair competition and to protect girls' safe spaces and opportunities. If the Initiative takes effect, I will absolutely run track in the spring and compete in cross country and track my senior year.

27. If the Initiative is blocked even though the majority voted for it, this male athlete will run on the Camas girls' team again. Skyview will compete against Camas, as we do every year, and I will again face racing against this inherently faster male. Other males might compete in girls' cross-country and track, too.

28. If a court blocked the Initiative from taking effect, I might just run club instead of running track at school this spring. I really want to keep running for my school team, but in club, males do not participate in girls' events.

29. I would have no problem with my doctor verifying that I am female as part of the athletic clearance exam.

30. 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, Charlie Garrett, 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 Vancouver, Washington.

/s/ Charlie Garrett
Charlie Garrett

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