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 SOLEIL HOEFER IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED INTERVENOR-DEFENDANT FEMALE ATHLETES UNITED'S MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Soleil Hoefer, declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of Walla Walla, Washington, in Walla Walla County. I am over the age of eighteen, and I have personal knowledge of the information below.

2. I attended Prosser High School in Prosser, Washington, where I was a member of the girls' track and field team. I graduated from Prosser High School in spring 2025. I am now a student at Walla Walla Community College, where I play on the women's soccer team.

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3. It is my understanding that Prosser High School is a public school within the Prosser School District and is a member of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association ("WIAA"), and that, as a member, it is required to comply with the WIAA's policies.

4. I am a member of Female Athletes United ("FAU"). I believe preserving women's sports is essential because women's sports give female athletes the opportunity to be a part of a team, grow, compete, succeed, and gain confidence.

Playing sports in high school

5. Sports have been part of my life from a young age and have shaped who I am. I have dedicated considerable time and effort, and made sacrifices, to become the best athlete I can be.

6. I have been a multi-sport athlete. In high school, I competed in a variety of track and field events on behalf of Prosser High School's girls' track and field team, including the 400-meter race and the 4x400-meter relay. I also played soccer on a club team and the Prosser High School team.

7. I was named Female Track & Field Athlete of the Year by the Prosser High School Track & Field Coaching Staff for three consecutive years (2023, 2024, and 2025).

8. I regularly placed on the podium in track and field. In the 2025 outdoor track season, I placed first in several track and field events, including the 400-meter race.

Competing against male athletes in girls' sports

9. During my time at Prosser High School, a biologically male athlete who identified as female competed in the girls' 400-meter race, the 4x400-meter relay race, and other girls' track and field events in Washington. This athlete previously competed on the East Valley High School boys' track and field team before joining the girls' team.

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10. This athlete won the 400-meter race in the 2024 girls' state championships, and according to results on Athletic.net, placed first in almost every 400-meter race the athlete ran after beginning to compete in the female category. The whole season, my times and my teammates' times were ranked against his.

11. My team and I competed against this athlete and the East Valley team in the 4x400-meter relay race at the 2025 state championship meet.

12. Going in, I knew we were going to lose. The 400-meters is one of the hardest races to compete in. This specific race is very much a mental battle, and knowing you are going to lose anyway makes you not even want to compete.

13. At the 2025 state championship meet, my team did not make the finals for the 4x400-meter relay race. The East Valley team with the biologically male athlete placed second in the 4x400-meter relay and bumped my team down a spot. And the biologically male athlete won the 400-meter race in the finals.

14. My first time competing against a male was during a club soccer game in high school. One of the teams we played against had a biologically male goalkeeper. I play forward, so my job is to run at and get the ball from the goalkeeper. This athlete was probably six feet tall, and none of us could score because this athlete was too tall and quick.

15. It is fundamentally unfair that, despite all of our hard work and discipline, I and other female athletes have been deprived of the opportunity to win because we were forced to race against males with inherent biological advantages. They are called women's sports for a reason. If we allow biological boys to compete with girls, we take away girls' rights and opportunities.

16. When girls are forced to compete against a biologically male athlete, it lowers girls' results and our schools' team scores at meets. It also makes us afraid to get hurt and lowers our motivation and confidence that we can win because of our physical differences.

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17. In April 2025, I filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, together with another female track athlete, asking them to investigate the WIAA, Washington State, and member schools for violating Title IX.

Playing Sports in College

18. I now attend Walla Walla Community College in Walla Walla, Washington, on a soccer scholarship. I play on the women's soccer team there, and I use my voice to speak out for women.

Washington Initiative 638

19. It is my understanding that Initiative 638 requires that girls' sports in Washington schools be reserved for female students and takes effect on December 3, 2026.

20. Women pave the way for girls behind them. Being a part of sports has shaped who I am, and I believe girls should have the opportunity to be part of a team, compete, grow, and succeed in women's sports.

21. I voted for and strongly supported Washington Initiative 638.

22. I have spoken out in favor of protecting girls' and women's sports in the news media.[1]

23. I understand that Initiative 638 requires a form by a medical provider to verify that an athlete is biologically female to compete in girls' sports. I do not

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[1] *See, e.g.,* Fox News, *Female Athletes, ADF Discuss Washington State Ballot Initiative Protecting Girls' Sports*, (YouTube, Nov. 5, 2026), https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pghPZbEcrq8&ra=m; Jackson Thompson, *What's Next in the Battle to 'Save Women's Sports' After SCOTUS Ruling – and the Hidden Damage Driving It*, Fox News (July 10, 2026, at 20:00 ET), https://www.foxnews.com/outkick-sports/whats-next-battle-save-womens-sports-after-scotus-ruling-hidden-damage-driving-it; OutKick, *Gaines for Girls with Riley Gaines: Refusing to Be Pushed Aside with Soleil Hoefer*, (YouTube, May 27, 2025), https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQG q6nKFQzQ&list=PLs5of48u8lUIhDWoKyCLeCi5_9ENJi6I1&index=48.

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find this process embarrassing or invasive. We have always had to have a physical health exam before participating in high school sports.

24. Blocking Initiative 638 would hurt my younger former teammates and my sister who play girls' high school sports. My sister is a freshman in high school, and she plays volleyball and basketball. Allowing biological males to compete with or against her in these contact sports puts her in physical danger.

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DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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

Executed on November 13, 2026, in _____, Washington.



SOLEIL HOEFER

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