AG Fitch Leads Letter, Urging the NCAA to Restore Female Athletes' Records Wrongfully Erased by Male Competitors



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(Jackson, Mississippi) Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch led a coalition of 27 Attorneys General urging the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to restore to female athletes the records, titles, awards, and recognitions they earned but were denied because of policies that allowed biological males to compete in female categories.

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In the letter, the Attorneys General write, "The policies that were created, promoted, and encouraged by the Biden Administration and the NCAA not only enabled biological men to compete against women in sporting events across the country, but denied deserving women the recognitions they had earned in events that you managed.... While we appreciate the steps the NCAA has taken since then, there is far more the NCAA can do for the women athletes that have competed and continue to compete in your events."

The Attorneys General continue, "The NCAA should take this step for former athletes to preserve the integrity of Title IX and show your support for the women harmed by years of bad policy. As your website states, 'Regardless of where they start, student-athletes strive to end each season at one of the NCAA's 90 championships in 24 sports.' Women athletes strived, succeeded, and were cheated of what they earned."

Since taking office, President Trump has been a staunch advocate for female athletes, signing executive orders supporting women's sports and prioritizing Title IX. In February, the U.S. Department of Education <u>also penned a letter</u> asking the NCAA to validate these recognitions.

Along with Mississippi, Attorneys General from the following States and Territory joined the letter: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

You can read the letter here.

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