## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

April 21, 2025

The Honorable Linda McMahon Secretary U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue SW Washington, D.C. 20202

Secretary McMahon,

I write today to draw your attention to the Saratoga Springs City School District (SSCSD) Board of Education's blatant rejection of its requirements under Title IX of the *Education Amendments of 1972* (Title IX) as expressed by President Donald Trump's Executive Order 14201 titled "Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports." As a result, I request that the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights open a formal investigation into this matter to determine whether violations of Title IX have transpired.

On March 27, 2025, the SSCSD Board of Education in Saratoga Springs, New York, passed a resolution titled "Affirming Our Support for Every Student." In the resolution, the SSCSD Board of Education states, "We will ensure their right to use facilities and participate in activities and sports consistent with their gender identity." Allowing biological males into girls' sports and locker rooms is in direct violation of Title IX and President Trump's executive order. Our daughters should not be forced to compete against biological men in competitive sports or share a locker room with biological men.

Under Title IX and articulated in President Trump's Executive Order 14201, educational institutions that receive federal funding must be in compliance with Title IX's requirements to protect opportunities for women and girls to compete in safe and fair sports. I join President Trump in his commitment to protect our nation's girls and daughters. This Far Left woke ideology has no place in our communities.

Due to this blatant violation of federal law, I am requesting that the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights open a formal investigation into this matter to hold the SSCSD Board of Education accountable under federal law and protect our young women and girls in sports. I look

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/02/keeping-men-out-of-womens-sports/.

 $<sup>{}^2\</sup>underline{https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/saratogaschools/Board.nsf/files/DF3LRZ57E1E0/\$file/DRAFT\%20Statement\%20by \%20the\%20SSCSD\%20BOE\%203-27-25.pdf.}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Ibid.

forward to working together to enforce President Donald Trump's agenda and hold educational institutions and governing bodies like the Saratoga Springs City School District Board of Education accountable.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress