



Rep. Tom Emmer on LEADERSHIP PRESS CONFERENCE – 2025

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** As a former hockey player and a coach, I've seen firsthand the powerful impact that sports can have, especially on young people. It's not just about the game or the trophies, although those are nice. It's about the lessons you learn along the way, discipline, the value of hard work and working together as a team, and the importance of setting a goal and seeing it through. But now, unfortunately, that space is being undermined. We've watched the radical left take what was once a fair and clear playing field for female athletes and turn it into a political minefield. What should be an opportunity for young women to thrive and compete has been clouded by an agenda that prioritizes so-called inclusion over fairness. Rather than standing firm for what's right and ensuring young women have the opportunity to succeed on their own merit, Democrats have caved to an ideology that simply denies common sense. What has been the result? Repeated cases of female athletes being exploited in their locker rooms, robbed of scholarship opportunities, or injured playing the sport they love, all because Democrats would rather cave to the radical activists in their party than stand up for the women they claim to champion. Last Congress, 203 House Democrats voted against the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act. And while the bill passed the House, it ultimately died on Chuck Schumer's desk, where it's been collecting dust ever since. But on November 5th, voters elected a Republican House, Republican Senate, and a Republican President, and in doing so, they delivered a mandate loud and clear. The time for the left's lunacy is over. The time for common sense is now. Our Republican majority doesn't take that mandate lightly, which is why in the first hundred days of the Republican trifecta, we are working to deliver on our promise to keep biological men out of women's sports. I'm grateful for Congressman Stubbe's leadership on this issue, and I look forward to seeing the bill pass the House and ultimately the Senate and be signed into law by President Trump. The only real question is, which side of history do Democrats want to be on? And with that, I turn it over to our Majority Leader, Steve Scalise.

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