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**Rep. Neubauer Condemns Bills Seeking to Ban
Transgender Girls from Women's Sports**

MADISON – Today, Wisconsin Republicans held hearings in three legislative committees on Assembly Bills 195 and 196 and Senate Bill 323, which seek to prevent transgender student athletes from participating in organized school or college women's sports. This legislation continues a national trend of Republican bills seeking to discriminate against transgender youth and children who simply wish to exercise the same rights and opportunities as their peers. Rep. Neubauer issued the following statement in response:

"These bills are looking for a problem that does not exist. They are an attempt to codify discrimination and perpetuate damaging, inaccurate, and deeply offensive stereotypes against transgender youth, disguised as girls' empowerment. All young people, including transgender or intersex athletes, should have the right and the opportunity to participate in organized, school-sponsored athletics consistent with their gender identity. These bills tell our trans kids, teens, youth, friends, and neighbors of all ages that they are not welcome here in Wisconsin.

"Bills like AB 195 and 196 are damaging because they feed hate, fear, and discrimination against children and youth who are already at risk in our communities. They "other" our youth when we should be loving them for having the courage to be who they are. I hope that if these bills come to a vote in their respective committees or on the Assembly floor, my colleagues will join me in voting no.

"To our trans youth watching today: you are seen, you are loved and valued, and you deserve every opportunity to live a full and meaningful life in our state. We are fighting for you and with you for better in Wisconsin."

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