



## Omaha ForUs Condemns Governor's Executive Order as 'Political Stunt'

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**OMAHA, NE** - Yesterday, Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen signed an executive order targeting transgender Nebraskans by claiming to define sex and gender.

"Amid the joy of shattering a world record in women's sports attendance, the governor undermined celebration with an anti-trans political stunt," said JohnCarl Denkovich, executive director of Omaha ForUs LGBTQ+ Center. "This order is another solution in search of a problem at the state level while failing to address our state's most important policy concerns in favor of making it increasingly unsafe for transgender Nebraskans."

Transgender and non-cisgender Nebraskans have always been our friends, family, and colleagues. And they will continue to be despite all far-reaching, temporary adversity.

This political theater threatens the rights of ALL Nebraskans by manufacturing a basis for questioning women and girls about their bodies in search of real or perceived transness. And, it aims to punish them for lack of access to their bodies and deeply personal medical information.

In light of the governor's concerns for women's sports and spaces, we urge him to consider meaningful actions, such as the pursuit of more state funding to competitive & intramural women's sports for all ages, sports marketing opportunities, and equitable restroom & locker room facility capacity & quality. Simply, transgender Nebraskans are not a threat to the integrity of women's sports, but a decades-long and well documented investment disparity between men's and women's sports certainly is.

As an organization, Omaha ForUs resists any attempts to unfairly restrict the access of transgender Nebraskans to resources and opportunities they need to be fully engaged members of our community, with all of the rights, responsibilities, and privileges due to them.

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