



H 550

OPPOSE

OUR MISSION

To restore, protect, and advance the rights of women and girls through legal argument, policy advocacy, and public education

OUR VISION

Total liberation of women and girls from all forms of sex-based oppressions, including gender identity, male violence, commercial sexual exploitation, and reproductive coercion

Women's Liberation Front OPPOSES H 550 which seeks to accommodate male prisoners by housing them according to their "gender identities" in women's prisons, and having them strip searched and housed with an inmate according to their preference.

Women's Liberation Front is a national secular nonpartisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit which works to restore, defend, and advance the rights of women and girls. Women's Liberation Front opposes accommodating male prisoners according to their "gender identity" because males, regardless of their other identifiers, are still male and pose a clear and present danger to female inmates, especially considering that 90-95% of men who identify as women do not get sex reassignment surgery (i.e. "bottom surgery")¹ and may still sexually assault, rape, and impregnate female prisoners. Even with sex reassignment surgery, there is broad scientific consensus that males have a dramatic physical advantage over females in terms of strength, power, speed, endurance, and body sizes.² This physical advantage that males have over females is driven in utero, early life, and onward into adulthood and cannot be reversed by estrogen therapy.³ Putting male offenders who claim to be women in women's facilities is a callous and misogynist policy that prioritizes male feelings and preferences over the material health and safety of women.

The severity of these concerns on behalf of female inmates are not exaggerated or based on conjecture. They are based on recent history of what happens when you house males who identify as women in female facilities.

A whistleblower in Washington came forward to detail how half-a-dozen male offenders were currently being housed in Pierce County's women's facility under Washington's "gender identity" policy. One male offender who had a lengthy list of violent sex crimes against women immediately raped a female inmate upon arrival.⁴ Said the whistleblower:

"It demonstrated the state's willingness to put the most vulnerable of our population in harm's way, by locking them in a cell with a proven predator, with zero accountability or repercussions for the perpetrator."

Despite this incident, more violent male offenders continue to be transferred into women's prisons,^{5,6} even while Washington state prison officials privately acknowledge that men lie about their "gender identity" to gain access to the female prison population.⁷



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In California, under Sen. Scott Wiener's SB 132, The Transgender Respect, Agency, and Dignity Act that went into effect on January 1, 2021,⁸ 47 male offenders are currently being housed in women's prisons and 1,028 other men are currently awaiting to be transferred into women's facilities.⁹ Dana Rivers, a man who viciously murdered a black lesbian couple and their teenage son in Oakland,¹⁰ is currently being housed in Central California Women's Facility as a "transgender woman".¹¹ Judge Scott Patton who presided over the case said of Rivers' crime:

*"It was the most depraved crime that I've handled in the criminal justice field in 33 years."*¹⁰

Male inmate, Tremaine Carroll, who is currently awaiting trial for raping three female inmates and impregnated one of them,⁹ was also housed in a woman's facility to accommodate his "gender identity." Despite claims Carroll was a man who exploited the system, the judge still informed the court that everyone must refer to Carroll with "she/her" pronouns during his awaiting trial.¹²

The list of rapes, assaults and violence at the hands of males who identify into women's prisons go on across the country where similar policies are enacted: In New Jersey, a "transgender" inmate impregnated two women¹³ and another former female inmate is suing the state for sexual assaults that happened at the hands of a man who identified as a woman in New Jersey's women's correctional facility.¹⁴ In Massachusetts, men who have been convicted of rape, murdering their wives, and molesting children have been abusing and assaulting women in women's prisons after identifying as women.¹⁵ An inmate in Maine filed a lawsuit over the abuse she faced at the hands of a man identifying as a woman. When that female inmate in Maine refused to be housed with him, the state participated in her abuse by putting her into segregation and denying her medication, clean clothes, and hygiene supplies.¹⁶ Recently, the U.S. Department of Justice has launched an investigation into both the state of California and Maine over their prison housing policies to accommodate male offenders to identify as women.¹⁵

Women's material health and safety are not to be compromised in our correctional systems because men of other identifiers feel vulnerable in men's prisons. Other considerations may be made available for them, but they are not to be housed in a setting where they are likely to endanger women.

Women's Liberation Front urges Vermont's general assembly *not* to repeat the tragedies of these states that have allowed these entirely preventable rapes and assaults to happen. Consider the harms being done to women in prisons under similar accommodations and vote NO on H 550.

Thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,

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