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Attorney General Marshall: States Made Strong Case for States' Authority to Enforce Laws Protecting Girls' Sports from Biological Males

(Montgomery, Ala) – Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall issued a statement following today's U.S. Supreme Court oral arguments in *Little v. Hecox* and *West Virginia v. BPJ*. Attorney General Marshall led amicus briefs in the case urging the court to preserve the states' authority to enact laws that protect girls' sports by ensuring all participants are biological females.

"These cases turn on a basic principle. States have the authority and the responsibility to protect fairness and equal opportunity in girls' sports, and that authority must be upheld. Title IX was designed to eliminate competitive disadvantages for female athletes, not to force them back into unequal playing fields. This is not about exclusion. It is about defending the integrity of female athletics and the opportunities they provide. The law, the science, and the American public are on our side, and we are confident the Court will be as well."

In 2023, the Alabama Legislature passed a similar bill that uses biological sex rather than gender identity to classify sports teams at public schools, including colleges and universities.

In September 2025, Attorney General Marshall co-led a 28-state brief in support of the states. During Biden's tenure, Attorney General Marshall was successful in halting the Biden administration's attempted expansion of Title IX regulations, which would have allowed biological males in female-only spaces such as sports locker rooms and bathrooms.

Click here to read the brief in [*Little v. Hecox*](#) and here to read the brief in [*West Virginia v. B.P.J.*](#)

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