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claims that trans youth participating in sports programs that align with their gender harm cis-gender children³ National sporting organizations are openly opposing these bills for their discriminatory nature.⁴ These bills are solutions in search of problems.

All four of these bills are part of a national effort to target the transgender community. Very similar bills are currently or already in the legislators of Texas, South Carolina, Arkansas, Tennessee, and other states. The bills are cruel, serve no local purpose, run contrary to evidence-based best practices, and distract from important work the Louisiana legislature could be doing. Members of the LGBTQ+ Staff and Faculty Caucus at Louisiana State University urge all members of the legislature to vote against these efforts to harm the youth in our community, and we call upon our members to contact their legislators to express their concerns.

This is a quickly-evolving issue and the LGBTQ+ Faculty and Staff Caucus will continue to work with members to stay informed and actively support our transgender community.

Additional Resources:

Stop the Assault on Trans Youth Petition:

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/stop-the-assault-on-trans-youth>

Let Them Play, Louisiana: <https://letthemplayla.org/>

“Study: Blocking puberty in transgender teens linked to lower likelihood of suicidal thoughts”

<https://www.aappublications.org/news/2020/01/23/pubertysuppression012320>

“Ensuring Comprehensive Care and Support for Transgender and Gender-Diverse Children and Adolescents,” Policy Statement, American Academy of Pediatrics

<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/142/4/e20182162>

“NCAA: No more championships in places hostile to transgender people,”

<https://iailluminator.com/briefs/no-more-ncaa-championships-in-anti-transgender-locations/>

³ Jack Turban, “Trans Girls Belong on Girls’ Sports Teams, *Scientific American*, 16 March 2021, <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/trans-girls-belong-on-girls-sports-teams/>

⁴ Andy Berg, NCAA Advocacy Group Condemns Anti-Transgender Bills, April 2021, https://www.athleticbusiness.com/governing-bodies/ncaa-advocacy-group-condemns-anti-transgender-bills.html?oly_enc_id=6244E5827912B1Z