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Strong Majority of MN Voters Say No To Gender Blindness

The Minnesota Child Protection League, a Minnesota-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has issued the following information about a Minnesota poll conducted this week regarding voters views rejecting “gender blindness” in high school sports.

Three-fourths of Minnesotans support a law to make sure athletic teams are restricted to biological gender, according to a poll conducted this week by one of the nation’s leading public opinion research firms, Public Opinion Strategies.

Privacy is also a huge issue. The poll reported that 81% of all voters also disagree with the notion that a biological boy who self-identifies as a girl should be able to share bathrooms, locker rooms and showers that biological girls are using. When asked if students, in general, should have a right to privacy in bathrooms, locker rooms and showers, with facilities that separate biological males and females, an overwhelming 90% of voters approve.

The poll found that by a decisive 76%-17% margin, Minnesota voters support legislation making sure that female athletic teams continue to be reserved for biological females, and makes sure student bathrooms and locker rooms continue to be separated based on biological sex. Proposing a law of the same enjoys widespread support across party lines with 94% of Republicans, 75% of Independents and 64% of DFL voters.

Renée Doyle, President of the Minnesota Child Protection League (MnCPL) stated, “This poll undeniably demonstrates that full page ads taken out in the *Star Tribune* and in other newspapers around the state by Child Protection League Action were completely in sync with the concerns of the Minnesota public.” The ads sounded the alarm that the Minnesota State High School League was about to force schools to allow boys who think they are girls to play on the girls’ teams as girls, and girls who think they are boys to play on boys’ sports teams as boys.

“Vigorous opposition to that policy successfully stirred up statewide grassroots resistance of families and voters who are outraged that this policy is being foisted upon the children of Minnesota by an unaccountable private group that is exceeding its authority,” she continued. “People recognize that this transgender sports policy is unsafe, unwise, and it puts local schools in the awkward position of mixing the biological sexes in private facilities.”

Asked whether boys who identify as girls should play on girls’ teams, 61% disapproved, and only 29% approve. Disapproval is across every region of the state, and a plurality (45%) of

voters say they would be less likely to vote for their State Legislator if they supported that policy.

“The message to legislators and school board members is clear,” said Doyle. “Minnesotans expect them to stop this assault on our children. Silence isn’t an option. Elected official will feel the backlash if they refuse to act.”

The survey of 400 statewide registered voters has a margin of error of + 4.9%.