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**To:** Legal Affairs and Safety Committee  
**Subject:** Self ID

I'm writing to you as a concerned citizen worried about how self ID will impact vulnerable women in our society. As a domestic abuse survivor, for the months after my abuse and subsequent miscarriage, I needed women only care as my panic attacks would intensify if I were around men. I was seeking women's only swimming baths and women therapists because I needed my nervous system to feel safe again after experiencing C-PTSD so I could heal enough to re-enter the real world.

The problem with self ID laws is that it invites predatory men with autogynephilia to access spaces where women go to seek safety and healing. I need to remind you that women are still by far the most abused subsection of society, and predatory abusive men commit most rape, violence and coercion. Why do you think predatory men will not use self ID laws to enter female spaces when we already know from overseas evidence that this is exactly what is happening?

Another issue with self ID laws is that it opens women's sports to bodies with a men's biological advantage of puberty when it comes to muscle mass, bone structure and fast twitch fibres. This is irrefutable science, so why are we robbing our girls of an opportunity to thrive and succeed at their efforts? Imagine setting up a whole generation of sports women to fail and never be able to surpass records because their female body isn't developed like a man's? Why are you doing this?

Please reconsider your decision as women's safety and health are on the line.

Kindest,

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