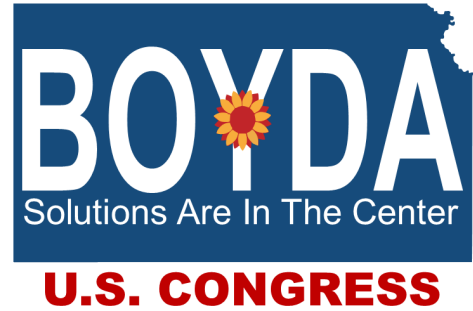


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Nancy Boyda Breaks With Party Again

TOPEKA, Kan.—

Nancy Boyda is making the following statement regarding trans girls in sports:

Today is not the first time I have disagreed with my party.

When I was in Congress 17 years ago, I was described as an independent woman who had guts. Throughout my time in office, I begged my party, and I mean begged them, to fix immigration while we could. I was called into many offices and asked to explain my position. I said firmly, "If we don't fix immigration, there will be a serious humanitarian crisis at the border. The very people we care so much about will be the ones who will suffer unspeakable hardships." And look where we are today.



Today, I break with my party again on the issue of trans girls in sports. Let me begin with some background.

My son came out to me when he was 15. He was aglow. He just had his first kiss and wanted to tell someone. "Mom, I knew you would understand." I cannot tell you the overwhelming love I felt. My son trusted me. I was relieved to know he was OK and wasn't going to hurt himself. Starting right then, I tried to make sure he knew one thing: that he was a beloved child of God.

When I ran in 2006 and 2008, I took the position to repeal DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act). The government needs to stay out of people's bedrooms! People should be able to live the life they want without the government interfering. It may not sound like a big deal today, but it was not a popular stand in Kansas at that time. It took courage and conviction, and I knew it was the right thing to do. I won by 4 points.

My son's life has been good, probably not as hard as I had feared in the beginning. But that cannot be said for trans kids. Their lives can be extremely difficult to navigate in Kansas.

I ask every Kansan: how many trans people do you actually know? From what I have been told, being trans can be extremely isolating and lonely. Suicide rates are heartbreaking. I speak now to ALL Kansans and beg you to protect these kids and adults from bullying, hostility and violence they face too often.

We do not need a nanny state telling parents how to care for their children. We let parents decide to not vaccinate their children against polio and other childhood diseases, putting not only their own children at risk, but other innocent, vulnerable children as well. Parents of trans kids need to be able to make important decisions about their children without government interference.

I firmly believe what consenting adults do in their bedrooms is their own business and I believe that trans people should be protected from harm.

When it comes to trans girls in sports, however, the issue is no longer about a private relationship between consenting adults. There are others involved and I believe their voices need to be heard.

I believe most female athletes and their families just want a fair playing field, and I agree. All the practice time, all the trips, all the family commitment, they fear may go out the door. Let me be clear, I support the protections for trans students that have been promulgated by the Administration under Title IX. However, in contrast to the platform of the Kansas Democratic Party, I do not support trans girls competing in girl's sports.

To Senator Masterson and Representative Hawkins, all the recent publicity from the Statehouse leaves trans people feeling unwelcome and unsafe in our communities. Trans kids and adults often lead difficult lives. Over 50% of trans kids seriously consider suicide each year. We know there are plenty of people who really do hate and who will act violently against trans people. I call on you to pass laws protecting trans people. I call on you to let parents do what they know is best for their children.

I speak now to ALL Kansans and beg you to protect trans kids and adults from the bullying and violence they face too often. I hope to confirm in the next 4-1/2 months that Kansans are not hateful, and that they will speak out against any hateful language they hear or read. Our trans kids' lives depend on it.

Nancy Boyda: Mother, Grandmother, Businesswoman, Congresswoman, Pentagon leader, Pastor, Chaplain, Small Farmer.

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