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GENDER IDENTITY LEGISLATION: IT'S TOO SOON!

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If someone reading this thinks I'm trying to discriminate against someone with two X chromosomes, they're wrong. What I'm trying to do is bring common sense to a topic that's beginning to outrun itself. Speaker Pelosi has introduced H.R. 5, The Equality Act. It would amend the Civil Rights act of 1964 to explicitly prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Remember the recent talk about gender-neutral restrooms and locker-rooms, and how gender dysphoria and gender fluid situations, etc. should be dealt with? That debate noise has quieted down, but there's been little resolution or intellectual understanding. The proof of that is the accelerating problem of many women being forced to compete against "XY (biological male) trans women" on athletic fields.

It is premature for Congress to establish the permanence of legislation about something they probably can't explain and don't understand. We need to continue the debates on campus, in legislatures, among medical groups, in our homes, and in our hearts. Let's learn a whole lot more about this issue before we try to institutionalize a solution. We and our legislators aren't ready. We don't even understand "endogenous and exogenous androgens" – at least I don't.