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## **PROFS Registers Against Legislation That Would Limit Participation of Transgender Collegiate Athletes in Intercollegiate or Intramural Sports (AB 195)**

PROFS has registered in opposition to Assembly Bill 195, legislation that would ban transgender women from participating in women's intercollegiate and intramural sports in the University Wisconsin System and Wisconsin Technical College System. It is the first organization in the state to do so. PROFS is a non-profit advocacy organization that represents University of Wisconsin-Madison faculty.

“Faculty at UW-Madison are keenly aware of the challenges our transgender students face daily,” says PROFS President Michael Bernard-Donals. “This spiteful action is nothing more than a bill designed to create division at a time when we should be ensuring that everyone in our community is treated with dignity and respect. We encourage others in higher education to join us in opposing this odious legislation.”

In addition to preventing transgender women from participating in intercollegiate and intramural athletics, the bill also includes excessive micromanagement of these sports teams that could result in legal challenges. PROFS has long advocated for limited changes to Chapter 36 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, the chapter that governs the University of Wisconsin System.

Bills like AB 195 are sweeping through Republican-led state legislatures. Four states have approved legislation this month and more than two dozen states are considering comparable bills.

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