

Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, California State Assembly - Committee on Appropriations  
California State Capitol  
10th and L Streets, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 467 – Consider Oppose AB467 Unless Amended**

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez,

I am Dr. Mary Larenas and I am writing to you to respectfully request that you consider the concerns raised by the Committee for Equity in Women's Surfing which recommends amending AB 467 to put an end to unfair business practices which prevent women professional athletes from utilizing public resources. In order to ensure that AB 467 provides the oversight necessary to stop decades of gender-based discrimination, I am requesting that you **please support approval of Assembly Bill 467 only if it's amended to include the following:**

(A) "Competition" defined as competition or tournament on lands owned by the state and managed by the department.

(B) "Prize compensation" defined as including purse money, other awards, honors, gifts, rewards, goods, or other payment.

(C) "Event" defined as a segment of a competition such as a heat, race, match, or game.

(2) The department/commission, shall require compliance with California non-discriminatory practices for individuals or groups protected by the California Unruh Civil Rights Act as a condition of a permit/lease, for a competition that awards prize compensation to competitors. Prize compensation shall be identical for all categories at each participant level. Event playing time shall be identical for each category, for a competition that awards prize compensation to competitors. **The department/commission shall not approve a permit/lease for an event that does not comply with this condition.**

Honorable Assemblymember Gonzalez, I am truly concerned that AB 467 unless amended to include the above (A), (B), (C), and (2) will not comply with the Unruh Civil Rights Act. Women in sports are fighting for equality, which is their right. If AB467 is not amended it leaves an opening for event businesses and athletic organizations to exclude female categories from athletic competitions to avoid the equal pay requirements, thus reducing their costs and continuing gender-based discrimination. This is not in the spirit of the Civil Rights Act.

Sincerely,  
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(Submitted 4/19/2019)