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

Re: AB 467 – **Oppose Unless Amended** - Equal Play for Equal Pay

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez:

Please close the loopholes in AB 467 and amend the bill to require the inclusion of gendered categories in addition to equal prize compensation, awards, honors or logistical support at athletic events held on state lands. We urge you to end gender-based discrimination by modifying AB 467 to comply with the Unruh Civil Rights Act, California Civil Code Section 51.

The San Mateo County Harbor District (District) operates Pillar Point Harbor located near Half Moon Bay and Oyster Point Marina located in South San Francisco. The District issued a Special Use Permit for the iconic Mavericks Challenge big-wave surf competition. That permit expires on March 31, 2021.

The Harbor District Board of Commissioners unanimously supports the inclusion of gendered categories (a women's division and men's division) at all surfing competitions and we support equal pay and prize parity in all professional athletic competitions.

We encourage the Committee to address concerns about the workability of AB 467 in order to move the important principles embodied in the bill. The District supports requiring gendered categories (male categories and female categories) at professional athletic competitions held on state lands in California.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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