



May 3, 2019

Honorable Lorena Gonzalez
California State Assembly Member
Chair, Assembly Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Oppose Unless Amended - AB 467 (Boerner Horvath)

Dear Assemblymember Boerner Horvath,

The Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women (Hollywood NOW) is writing to oppose AB 467 unless it is amended

Hollywood NOW is a membership organization committed to institutionalizing intersectional gender equity. Our work transgresses over social boundaries and walls built to imprint, reinforce and protect implicit stereotype biases that damage all of us. As a progressive, intersectional feminist organization we advocate for solutions that recognize that individuals face multiple intersecting discriminations/privileges based on race, sex, gender, sexuality and other statuses. We stand to work to eliminate institutional privilege, discrimination, and bias.

AB 467 incentivizes gender based discrimination because it does not require equal pay in all athletic competitions held on state land that offer prize money. The bill does not require equal event times for each category and it also doesn't help women pro road cyclists competing in the Amgen Tour of CA because it does not include a government code change for the CA Department of Transportation/Caltrans. The bill is designed to encourage professional athletic competitions that exclude and discriminate against a gendered category and most importantly, this bill remains silent on the California Civil Rights Act.

For these reasons and more, Hollywood NOW opposes this bill unless it is amended to protect athlete from gender-based discrimination.

Sincerely,

John Erickson
President
Hollywood NOW