

Bohannon voted to let biological males compete in girls' sports. When she launched her campaign for U.S. Congress, she removed all mention of transgender issues from her website.

Bohannon Opposed Banning Transgender Athletes From Participating In Women's Sports

In May 2021, Iowa Gov. Reynolds Said She Wanted To Sign A Law That Would Ban Transgender Women And Girls From Participating In Women's Sports. "Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds said last week on Fox News she wants to sign a new law before the end of this legislative session that would ban transgender women and girls from participating in women's sports. There is no such bill currently eligible for debate in the Iowa Legislature, but the proposal could come up as an amendment to another bill, or as a new bill agreed upon by the Republican leaders of the House and Senate." (Katarina Sostaric, "Reynolds Says She Wants To Sign A Transgender Sports Ban; Lawmakers Working On Legislation," [Iowa Public Radio](#), 5/3/21)

- **Bohannon Said Such A Law Would "Exclude And Endanger" Transgender Athletes And "Send A Terrible Message About Our State."** "Transgender rights: Governor Reynolds went on Fox News and said she wants the legislature to send her a bill prohibiting transgender girls from participating in girls' school sports. This bill would further exclude and endanger a group of vulnerable kids and would send a terrible message about our state. It also likely violates Title IX, a federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in educational opportunities, including school sports." ([State Rep Christina Bohannon](#), Archived 7/30/21)

In 2021, Bohannon Said She Felt "Elation" When The Legislature Failed To Pass A Ban On Transgender Kids In Sports In The 2021 Session. "On Wednesday at around midnight, the Iowa House ended the 2021 session and adjourned... There were times of frustration and heartache – including passage of extreme bills on abortion, guns, face masks, and elections. There were other times of elation or relief – like when we helped to pass the child care and broadband bills, or when we saw that the session's final bill did not include a ban on transgender kids in sports." ([State Rep Christina Bohannon](#), Archived 7/30/21)

In February 2022, HF 2416 Was Introduced To The Iowa Legislature As A Bill To Prohibit Transgender Athletes From Participating In Women's Sports. "A bill that would prohibit transgender girls from participating in girls' athletics in Iowa was advanced by the House Education Committee, moving the bill to the House floor. A similar bill is advancing in the Senate, as well. Under the proposal (HF 2416), only students identified as female at birth could play girls' sports. It does not address the eligibility of transgender boys playing boys' sports." (Grant Gerlock, "Bills On Obscene Books, Transgender Athletes And School Vouchers Still Alive In The Statehouse," [Iowa Public Radio](#), 2/18/22)

On February 21, 2022, Bohannon Voted Against HF 2416. (House Journal, [State Of Iowa](#), 2/21/22; HF 2416 Passed 55-39, Bohannon Voted Nay, 2/21/22)

The nays were, 39:			
Abdul-Samad	Anderson	Bennett	Bergan
Bohannon	Brown-Powers	Cahill	Cohoon
Donahue	Ehlert	Forbes	Gaines
Gjerde	Hall	Hansen	Hunter
Isenhardt	Jacoby	James	Judge
Konfrst	Kressig	Kurth	Mascher
McConkey	Meyer, B.	Nielsen	Oldson
Olson	Running-Marquardt	Smith	Staed
Steckman	Thede	Wessel-Kroeschell	Wilburn
Williams	Winckler	Wolfe	

(House Journal, [State Of Iowa](#), 2/21/22; HF 2416 Passed 55-39, Bohannon Voted Nay, 2/21/22)

NOTE: Governor Kim Reynolds signed HF 2416 into law on [March 3, 2022](#).

Bohannan Supports Taxpayer-Funded Gender Reassignment Surgeries, Calling It A “Human Rights Issue,” But She Scrubbed The Position From Her Website Prior To Announcing Her Congressional Campaign

On Her State House Campaign Site, Bohannan Said Iowa Should “Allow Medicaid Funding To Pay For Gender Confirmation Surgery For Transgender Individuals.” “In addition, the State should allow Medicaid funding to pay for gender confirmation surgery for transgender individuals whose doctors have approved it.” (“Christina’s Policy – Health Care,” [Bohannan for Iowa](#), Archived On 7/28/21 Via The Internet Archive’s Wayback Machine)

- **Bohannan Called The Matter A “Human Rights Issue.”** “This is both a medical issue and a human rights issue. It is a medical issue because transgender individuals face high levels of depression, anxiety, and suicidal tendencies associated with gender dysphoria. It is a human rights issue because -- before we are male, female, transgender, nonbinary, or another gender -- we are all human beings, and we are entitled to be treated equally. Moreover, there are few worse justifications for a law than that ‘it has always been this way.’ This kind of reasoning could be used to return the country to any number of unjust and outdated practices.” (“Christina’s Policy – Health Care,” [Bohannan for Iowa](#), Archived On 7/28/21 Via The Internet Archive’s Wayback Machine)

Bohannan Removed This Position From Her Website Prior To Announcing Her Congressional Campaign. “Democratic congressional candidate Christina Bohannan scrubbed her old campaign site—which called voter ID laws ‘a threat to democratic governance’ and endorsed taxpayer-funded sex change surgeries—in an effort to bolster her moderate pitch to Iowa voters. Bohannan, a state legislator, announced on Tuesday her bid to unseat Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R.), saying she decided to run ‘because she believes we need less bickering in Washington, and more working together.’ Prior to the announcement, she removed all policy positions from her 2020 campaign site—including sections that condemned Iowa’s voter ID law and backed taxpayer funding for ‘gender confirmation surgery for transgender individuals.’” (Collin Anderson, “Iowa Dem Scrubs Left-Wing Views From Website As She Kicks Off Moderate Campaign,” [The Washington Free Beacon](#), 8/24/21)