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Dear President Brendan Quirk,

I am reaching out to you regarding the recent UCI policy decision to disallow transgender women who have transitioned after puberty from participating in the women's category of competitive events. I find this policy deeply troubling, not only for the transgender athletes directly impacted, but also because of the larger societal implications of such a decision about equality, fairness, and inclusivity.

You have previously stated your belief that cycling should be an open and inclusive sport for all, including transgender individuals. The policies enacted by the UCI undeniably communicate a broader message about the position of transgender people in our society. As we strive for equal competitiveness in sports, we must also endeavor for a society that is more accepting and inclusive. To this end, it is essential that we are careful not to contribute to further stigmatization or marginalization of these individuals.

I appreciate USA Cycling's commitment to ensuring all members have equal access and opportunities to participate in cycling events, as expressed in the Transgender Athlete Participation Policy. The recent policy shift by the UCI, however, is in stark contrast with these values of fairness and inclusivity.

Hence, I strongly urge USA Cycling to stand firm in its dedication to diversity and inclusion by rejecting the UCI's policy and continuing its efforts to develop an internal policy that supports women, ensures fairness, and fosters a safe and inclusive environment for all athletes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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