



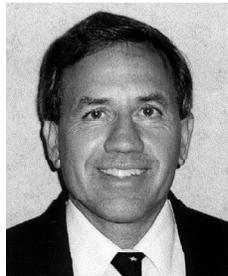
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**Message from the President...**

**The 56 Words That Changed the World!**  
by Robert Kettering

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“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness - that to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed.”

These words from our Declaration of Independence, written in 1776, changed the world. Until then, civilizations, such as England, believed that a person’s rights came from the king and therefore the king had absolute power over the individual. However, our founding fathers said “no” because of their Biblical understanding. They declared that our freedom and rights come directly from God our Creator. And since freedom comes from Him, government cannot take that freedom away from the individual.

The document makes it clear that we are created beings and life is an unalienable right that must be protected. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - I don’t believe it was an accident that our founders listed life first. Remember, they were dealing with abortion in those days also. (There is nothing new under the sun. Eccl 1:9). However, they dealt with it Biblically as opposed to our generation, which since Roe v Wade, has dealt with abortion unbiblically and as a result, millions of babies have been denied their right to life.

Finally, in order to secure these God-given rights, governments are instituted among men. These 56 words serve as the foundation that has produced the most free and prosperous nation the world has ever known. This July, as we celebrate our independence, let’s be reminded that the freedoms we enjoy come from God and not the state and if we are to remain free, we must understand this difference.

Have a great Independence Day!



*“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”*  
Edmund Burke

## **Battle Over Fairness in Girl's Sports Lands in Lancaster County** *by Alexis Stefani, Pennsylvania Family Institute*

Over one hundred concerned Lancaster County residents showed up to a recent Hempfield School Board meeting to defend the rights of girls to a fair and equal playing field. In the most recent school year, a boy ran on the boy's cross-country team in the fall, but when springtime came, the same boy, who now identifies as a girl, joined and ran on the girls track team, and used the girls locker room and bathrooms as well.

At the meeting, several students and residents of the school district, including the captain of the Hempfield High School girl's track team encouraged the board to protect their bodily privacy and restore their right to fairly compete only against other biological females. As each student concluded their speech, they were met with rousing applause from the gathered audience.

This unfair situation is happening more and more across our country and demonstrates why we need local school boards to protect girls' sport, and statewide legislation like the Fairness in Women's Sports Act – Pennsylvania House Bill 972. It was introduced by five female State Representatives - Barb Gleim (R-Cumberland), Martina White (R-Philadelphia), Valerie Gaydos (R-Allegheny), Dawn Keefer (York/Cumberland) and Stephanie Borowicz (R-Clinton/Centre) - who are seeking to defend the protections in Title IX that women fought so hard to secure.

Progressive activists are pushing hard to separate sports not on biological sex, but instead on what an individual believes about their gender identity. This destroys a girl's right to a fair playing field because males generally have a physical advantage over females. Even with hormone suppression, studies have shown that men still have a significant advantage over women with larger hearts and lungs, denser bones, and more strength. After all, there are obvious reasons we separate men's and women's sports (and privacy facilities like bathrooms and locker rooms) in the first place.

When girls are forced to compete against biological boys they lose out on opportunities, scholarships, and even spots on teams. It is incredibly disheartening for young women to know that no matter how hard they train, they won't have a chance to make a team, get in the game, or win a race competing against most boys.

Girls deserve an equal playing field. Science and common sense have proven that the best way to ensure this is by upholding the protections for women and girls in Title IX and making sure that biological boys compete against biological boys and biological girls compete against biological girls.

*To take action in support of HB 972, the Fairness in Women's Sports Act, go to [pafamily.org/fairplay](http://pafamily.org/fairplay).*

# JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

## Lancaster County ACTION Quarterly Breakfast Meeting

**Saturday, July 10, 2021 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

Enck's Catering Facility (former Kreider's Restaurant)

1455 Lancaster Rd (Rt. 72), Manheim - use south entrance



**Guest Speaker: Michael Geer**  
**Topic: *Courage in an Age of Chaos***

*Michael Geer is the President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Family Institute.*

Please reserve your seat at the quarterly breakfast by calling the ACTION office (717-569-5807) by Tuesday, July 6, 2021. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

## A Message from the Financial Officer - Is Your Membership Current?

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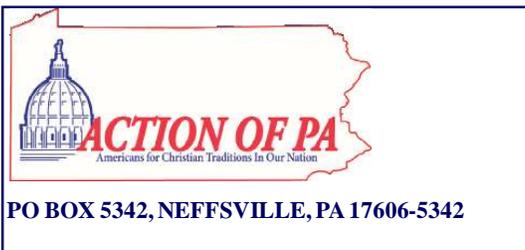
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Thank you!

## HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”

- President Ronald Reagan







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