I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes in Title IX policies that would elevate gender identity over sex-based legal protections, therefore giving natal males access to female only spaces (restrooms/changing rooms), or the creation of unisex/shared restrooms/changing rooms, upon statement of a "gender identity" differing from one's biological sex.

Sex segregated spaces exist for the protection of females. Forcing girls to share these spaces with males puts them at risk. This is not to say that all males are definitely going to harm girls; this is about reducing the potential for harm. Studies show that unisex restrooms and changing rooms result in an increase of sexual harassment, including peeping, groping, and hidden recording devices. Please do not subject our girls to this.

Girls' sports should remain available to biological females only, in the interest of safety and fairness. Males that have gone through male puberty have an unfair advantage over biological females, regardless of testosterone levels.

I strongly urge the Department of Education to respect the rights of girls/women to fair sporting, and private spaces for females; while seeking ways to end discrimination against individuals who not conform to sex-based stereotypes.

Thank you