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Hello,

My name is Ashley Faulkner and I'm from (b)(6) I'm writing in regard to the Department of Education's comprehensive review of Title IX protections and notice of proposed rulemaking.

These protections will absolutely, without a doubt, save lives. They will allow underserved citizens a chance to gain an education and become productive citizens.

LGBTQ students also face harassment, unequal discipline for public displays of affection, being turned away from events like prom when they bring a same-sex date, and punishment for identifying as LGBTQ.

Look into the suicide rates of LGBTQIA+ teens and then explain to me how they should not be protected ... if those facts and figures don't break your heart, then our country's spirit really is dead. I want to live in a country where the poor, tired and huddled masses can achieve whatever they dream— we can at least do this bare minimum to help these students along the way.

Sincerely,  
Ashley Faulkner

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