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An educational environment that prioritizes the gender identities of men who identify as women as equally or more legally important than women's biological status as female is incompatible with nondiscrimination.

Women do not want men in our bathrooms, locker rooms, on our sports teams, lurking in our crisis centers or demanding access to any other private, sex segregated space. It is not safe, the research has already been done to indicate that men WILL sexually assault and abuse women in such spaces, REGARDLESS of their gender identities. Access to private sex-segregated spaces on the basis of "gender identity" rather than biological sex puts trans men and female non-binary people at risk as well, since they are no safer around male people for presenting in a masculine way.

Men and boys competing as women and girls dangerously upsets an already tenuous playing field where many female athletes depend on sports for college scholarships, sponsorships, Olympic qualifications etc.

Title IX already guarantees that all students have access to playing sport. It is also designed to protect the most vulnerable among us, women and girls, from sexism - something men who identify as women do not experience and need no legal protection from on a systemic level.

Granting men and boys the ability to legally "identify" as women and girls creates an environment where predators and other bad actors can move with impunity and we females have less protection than ever.

Gender non-conformance is good and should be celebrated with pride, but we need a middle ground solution that takes into account the very

real threats posed to women and girls by men and boys physically, sexually, and financially.

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