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Sex-based classifications in certain circumstances within Title IX of the Education Amedment of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681) remain critical, and I strongly urge examination of the distinctions between sex and gender identity.

I support the extension of Title IX's to protect on the basis of sexual orientation and transgender status in line with Bostock v. Clayton County, which protects both groups ON THE BASIS OF SEX; however, gender identity is not the equivalent to nor a substitute for sex. Conflating gender identity with sex is not necessary to protect transgender people nor lesbian, gay, or bisexual people, but will have a profoundly negative impact on lesbians, gays, and bisexual people as well as all women and girls.

Sometimes sex matters. Girls and women have valid legals interests in maintaining Title IX's sex-based classifications in numerous educational settings - especially in relation to sports, but also in other areas where protections on the basis of sex are deemed necessary.

Protecting Transgender or non-binary identifying students is important; doing so does not require ignoring material reality. Please continue to REINFORCE Bostock's ruling, rather than undermining it by conflating gender identity with sex. Maintain the protections of Title IX on the basis of sex where sex matters.

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