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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for taking public comments on title 9. On the basis of sex, female students have benefitted from programs under title 9 such as the ability to fairly compete and exceed in sports with fair competition. Numerous data show girls and young women who participate in sports gain confidence and have a higher likelihood of success in education and the workplace. The key to this is fair competition. If girls are given the message that they just have to 'be kind' and concede their rights to fairness in sports, they risk demoralizing experiences in having to affirm a lie that a biological male calling himself a girl is 'equal' in terms of strength, speed, and endurance. If one girl loses because of a biological male cheating in sport, it's one too many. All children should be able to play in sports within the categories of the sex observed at birth.

Sex separated spaces such as locker rooms and bathrooms also serve a very important purpose for dignity and safety of girls and women. Studies from industry show that once these safeguards are removed, risk of abuses increases. A girl in a WI school was assaulted in a gender neutral bathroom at school by a biological male, just one of several examples of the risks to girls when biological males are in spaces specifically designed to protect girls from males who might harm them because of their female sex.

These are just a few of the examples which highlight the sex based rights of girls and women are important to the safety and well-being of girls as they mature into adults. There is nothing wrong with acknowledging biological reality and providing safeguarding and sex based protective spaces because of this reality. Telling girls and women who are uncomfortable with biological males in female sports, locker rooms, or bathrooms, that they should just 'be nice', is telling them that their feelings don't matter. It is telling them that the feelings of males are more important than the material reality of their biology female sex.

As a physician who has spent my entire professional career caring for women within the biological reproductive capacity, it is unscientific to ignore the biological differences between the two sexes. Title 9 has benefited millions of girls for the past half century. That this current administration is seeking to dismantle the program by conflation of sex and gender identity, ignoring material factual biologic reality, will not be forgotten amongst generations of women. We will not forget how you betrayed our daughters and granddaughters and will vote accordingly for years to come.

Sincerely

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