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RE: Notice for Public Hearing; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Invitation for Written Comments

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Dear Secretary Cardona and Ms. Goldberg:

We are pleased to submit these comments as an active member of the American Association of Christian Schools (AACCS) regarding the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights "Announcement of Public Hearing; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972." The AACCS is a national organization, comprised of 700 member elementary, secondary, and higher educational Christian schools across the country serving over 100,000 students.

The mission of our Academy leads us to provide families with high-quality educational services that include strong academics and Christian teachings that instill the values and principles of our faith into our students' lives.

Along with other religious educational institutions and millions of American citizens, we recognize there are two distinct sexes as created by God. God's design for human sexuality as represented by men and women joined together in monogamous marriage is evident throughout holy Scriptures. Genesis 1:27 states, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." The Bible also states in Matthew 19:4, "And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female." Furthermore Mark 10:6 reads, "But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female." These are central Christian beliefs core to our understanding of marriage, family, and a well-ordered life. For these reasons, we earnestly encourage the Department of Education to **reject** the idea the Court's decision in Bostock has any application to Title IX or can in any way be applied in an educational context.

Community Baptist Academy believes that each individual is uniquely created in the image of God. Therefore, our Academy strives to show Christ's love to all students by providing them an excellent education that teaches them how to reach their God-given potential, by living a productive and fulfilling life fully embracing their design and serving their communities and their calling in Christ. In order to continue the mission to advance Christian education with excellence, it is vitally important that schools remain free to offer services and help their communities without government interference in the most basic understandings of belief. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this crucial matter. We ask that you please uphold the religious freedom of schools and the moral rights of all Americans.

Sincerely,

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