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Dear Committee Members:

I vehemently OPPOSE redefining the term "sex" as it is used in Title IX.

As presently understood by the writers of this legislation back in 1972 and by the majority of Americans today, "sex" is a scientific, biological, chromosome-based factual, physical characteristic.

It is not a state of mind.

It is wrong and unscientific to now expand the factual, biological reality of "sex" to include a person's subjective thoughts, feelings, emotions and desires (perhaps fleeting, perhaps changing, always reversible, always unprovable) about what sex they might imagine themselves to be.

A man who imagines himself to be a woman, under the new rule, could compete in sports as a woman, use a woman's locker room, stay in a woman's dorm, use a woman's restroom and appropriate every element of female identity.

And if a religious institution did not permit this appropriation because of firmly held religious convictions and Biblical teachings, they would be punished, their first amendment rights utterly ignored.

As a woman I vehemently object to a man appropriating my female identity.

Could a white person declare themselves black because of feelings, emotions or desires? This is no different.

Please do NOT expand the definition of "sex" in this dangerous, unscientific, irrational and non-factual manner. It will cause grave harm.

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