To: OCR
I am commenting on potential modifications for regulations regarding sex discrimination and gender identity in our schools. The committee should be very careful that the definition of discrimination on the basis of gender does not infringe on existing sex-based protections. Girls are still discriminated against on the basis of sex, not gender, which is reflected in statistics surrounding sexual assault, sports funding, dress codes, harassment from peers, treatment from parents and authorities, and many other well-researched areas of life. Importantly, the data is NOT sufficient to indicate that an individual will be subject to the same discrimination on the basis of gender identity alone. Finally, we all know it is a widely-held fantasy to "sneak into the girls' locker room;" therefore, regardless of the many innocent trans children, there will be at least some boys (especially older teenagers) who claim to identify as girls to gain access to their vulnerable spaces, putting girls at risk. Third gender or gender neutral spaces may be advisable, but not at the cost of female spaces. #sexmatters
Thank you.