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Hello,

Please implement the following as part of Title 9:

1. Inclusion of gender identity, gender expression, and perceived gender as protected classes under the title, to cover all schools and all school activities like extracurriculars. No exemptions for any institutions that receive funding by taxpayers or interacts with government institutions.
2. The creation of safe mixed gender spaces and spaces and facilities free of gender considerations in all schools. Schools ought not be able to segregate students by sex or gender for any reason except one based solely on student safety. That means no segregation due to "custom".
3. The removal of sexual assaults processes that are burdensome on the victim and unique to sexual assaults vs other assaults. This would include negating the practice of disregarding testimonies and evidence when the giver is unavailable for cross-examination.
4. Require sexual assault processes include consideration of all and any other complaints and allegations against, or confirmed crimes of, the accused.
5. Focus sexual assault processes on victim safety as the supreme obligation.

Thank you,
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