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Director Goldberg,

I am writing to you concerning the Department's "Title IX Virtual Public Hearing to gather information for the purpose of improving enforcement of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX)."

The Title IX Amendments were clearly crafted to give educational opportunities to women and girls. Redefining "sex" to include sexual orientation and gender identity represents a willful disregard of the definitions, purpose and scope of this law—at the expense of women and girls.

Girls are already being forced to compete against biological males in sports—and losing. Not just losing a race or competition, but scholarship opportunities, perhaps even losing the motivation to compete on what is now an unlevel playing field. This Department must not force girls to forfeit their long fought-for opportunities to boys. Additionally, this Department must not violate the privacy of girls by making them share safe spaces with biological males.

Lastly, parental rights—including the rights of parents to teach their children about sex and gender—must be respected. Implementing gender ideologies in schools nationwide is NOT the role of the federal government.

As a woman and mother of school-age girls, I strongly oppose any changes to Title IX that redefine “sex” to include sexual orientation and gender identity. This will not “improve enforcement” of Title IX; it will simply negate its original purpose.

Thank you,

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