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My name is Jessica and I believe in equal rights for all, which is why I'm urging support for single-sex sports for women and girls, as well as constitutional protections for freedom of speech and belief.

Women have made historic gains under Title IX and I fear we'll lose ground if Title IX rolls back its provisions to protect single-sex sports teams.

No one should face discrimination in publicly-funded education due to their sexual orientation or non-conformity to sex-stereotypes. But the notion of "gender-identity," on the

other hand, denies the reality of differences when they do exist between the sexes, almost universally to the disadvantage of women and girls. It is no more appropriate to separate teams by personal identity than it is to separate teams by sexual orientation or race.

I urge the Office of Civil Rights to ensure the legacy of Title IX by continuing to enforce the law on the basis of sex, and to affirm that the first amendment protects our right to discuss issues of public concern, including matters that affect single-sex spaces and sports. Otherwise, we risk turning the clock back on 50 years of educational advancements for women and girls.

Thank you,
Jessica