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you consider how to implement Title IX to prevent discrimination based on gender identity, it is imperative to retain the original purpose of Title IX: to provide female people with educational opportunities equal to those available to males. To do this, you must recognize that gender identity is not synonymous with sex, and it is sometimes necessary to distinguish students by sex, regardless of gender identity. It is possible to protect trans students from discrimination without denying the reality of biological sex, or the unique needs of female students. I urge you to work for such a solution.

I write in support of comments submitted by Lauren Adams of Women's Liberation Front, and I stand fully with these summary statements from statements made by the *The Women's Collective on Law and Policy*: "Single sex classification is sometimes reasonably necessary to ensure fairness, privacy, equality, safety, and/or dignity. Girls and women have valid legal interests in the continued legal permissibility of Title IX's sex-based classifications in educational settings including sports teams, locker rooms, bathrooms, and student housing," and, "as OCR considers changes to and new interpretations of Title IX's regulations, female people must be remembered as the designated beneficiaries of the legislation."

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