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Hello,

I am a parent of two middle schoolers in (b)(6) and wish to encourage restoring protections against sexual harassment and assault that the previous Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos rescinded. These protections must be reinstated to protect students, particularly Trans students. Trans students deserve a safe and affirming place to learn. They are highly at risk of experiencing elevated mental health problems, including self-esteem, depression, anxiety, self-harm and suicide. Federal guidelines must be restored to support transgender students who have had more difficulty advocating for their safety.

Normalizing their existence and changing the narrative is important. Please listen to the stories of Trans students and their families. Follow their lead so that they have full rights in accessing facilities, services and sport programs that match their gender identity.

Thank you for your time.

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Honor your parents, teachers and elders. (Reiki principle)