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Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 05:19:24 PM EDT
Subject: Re: [FLO] TIME-SENSITIVE - US Dept. of Education hearing

I just sent this... Copy and paste if helpful.

"As an educator, I believe this executive order was, in fact, put into effect to help children. The diversity of the human race is limitless, and as such we as the educating authority must embrace a multitude of backgrounds, including those with diverse sexual orientations.

That being said, childhood is a developing state. We must be careful not to define children, and even young adults, as anything more than what their biology encompasses. Doing such can and will alter the course of lives at a time when understanding of self is limited, and at times, even faulty. Bringing in questions of orientation is, at best, a confusion of what should be simple. At worst, it is asking a question that no one should answer, except the child themselves, when they are an adult and fully able to rationally decide for themselves to whom they belong, and who they chose to be. This can and should only be decided when they have the freedom to express themselves during the years of personal development that is childhood.

This legislation, designed to help treat everyone fairly, ends up harming children by placing definitions on them that they are not ready to wear. Let's let kids be kids, and let them define themselves when they are ready.

-Kaitlynn
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On Wed, Jun 9, 2021 at 1:23 PM Sandy Muller (b)(6) wrote:
The US Department of Education is holding a virtual hearing this week to get comments concerning President Biden's two executive orders regarding Title IX and the redefinition of "sex" in it to include sexual orientation and gender identity. **This is a critically important issue that will have profound consequences for education of all kinds.**

Title IX is a federal civil rights law that was passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972. It prohibits sex-based discrimination in any school or other education program that receives federal money. It reads (in part): "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

The Biden administration wants to expand the definition of the word "sex" to include "sexual orientation and gender identity," believing this will stop "discrimination." It would have the opposite effect on religious

schools, opening the door to an attack on First Amendment rights that currently protect those schools - public and private - which adhere to Biblical teaching on gender and sexuality. Federal funding could be removed from such schools. Other practical applications could include such things as housing (placing males who "identify" as females in female dorms and vice versa), bathrooms and locker rooms, inclusion on sports teams (allowing biological males to compete against females), and teachers and other staff referring to a person by their "preferred" identity rather than pronouns reflecting biological sex

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