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1) A woman's right to compete in sports with other women, and not with biological males, should not be superseded by concerns for the feelings of transgender women. (Perhaps separate sports competitions could be arranged for these people.) Please recall that until very recently, transgenderism was seen as a mental illness. In any case, it is opposed to women's rights to force them to compete (and lose) with people who are biologically male, even if they identify as female.

I believe Title Nine was originally written to uphold women's rights. Now we are in danger of undermining the original purpose.

2) The First Amendment begins, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...." A requirement imposed by the government on religious schools and other entities to accept transgender people as employees would certainly be a prohibition of the free exercise of religion, and would be establishing a government religion or ideology, which has little basis in science, or history, or any other basis except compassion for people suffering from this illness.

3) It is not right to use taxpayer dollars to impose a certain religion or ideology on the nation as a whole, especially considering that a large part of the nation objects to this ideology.

Sincerely,

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