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Hello,

My name is Melinda LeBoeuf and I'm from (b)(6) I'm writing in regard to the Department of Education's comprehensive review of Title IX protections and notice of proposed rulemaking.

Transgender and nonbinary students, as well as all LGBTQ+ students, are 50% less likely to commit suicide if they are respected by most people in their lives. Additionally, when kids feel safe, welcomed, and supported at school, they are less likely to drop out and more likely to be successful.

No child should be denied access to a facility or program consistent with their gender identity, denied the opportunity to update their name or pronouns in school systems, or face unequal enforcement of dress and grooming codes — yet these instances of discrimination and others are common in schools nationwide.

Public schools are for ALL students and ALL students deserve access to the same opportunities

Sincerely,
Melinda LeBoeuf

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