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Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona
Ms. Suzanne Goldberg
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave SW
Washington, DC 20202

Submitted to: T9PublicHearing@ed.gov

RE: Notice for Public Hearing; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Invitation for Written Comments

Federal Registry No: 2021-10629

Dear Secretary Cardona and Ms. Goldberg:

We are pleased to submit these public comments on behalf Mt. Pisgah Christian Academy regarding the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights "Announcement of Public Hearing; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972." I will be brief in my statement of why I oppose these efforts. Separation of church and state.

Religious educational institutions and millions of American citizens recognize that there are two distinct sexes as created by God. God's design for human sexuality as represented by men and women joined together in monogamous marriage is evident throughout holy Scriptures. Genesis 1:27 states, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." The Bible also states in Genesis 19:4, "And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female." Furthermore Mark 10:6 reads, "But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female." These are central Christian beliefs core to our understanding of marriage, family, and a well-ordered life. Moreover, these beliefs have been shared by millions of people throughout the ages as the building blocks of a just and virtuous society. For these reasons, we urge the Department of Education to reject the idea that the Court's decision in *Bostock* has any application to Title IX or can in any way be applied in an educational context.

As a faith based educational system we believe that each individual is uniquely created in the image of God. Therefore, at Mt. Pisgah we strive to show Christ's love to all students by providing them an excellent education that teaches them how to reach their God-given potential, by living a productive and fulfilling life fully embracing their design and serving their communities and their calling in Christ. In order to continue the mission to advance Christian education with

excellence, it is imperative that schools remain free to offer services and help their communities without government interference in the most basic understandings of belief.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this essential matter. In summary, we ask that the Department of Education uphold the religious freedom of schools and the conscience rights of all Americans.

Sincerely,

Pastor Garvan W. Walls

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