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Please emphatically protect gender identity as a key component of Title IX protections. One's gender identity is their gender and ignoring that or pretending it is not sure not only violates science, it is violently dangerous to an individual and increases their chance of suicide exponentially. As Neil Gorsuch correctly pointed out, "an employer who fires an individual for being homosexual or transgender fires that person for traits or actions it would not have questioned in members of a different sex." The same logic should obviously extend to all protections against discrimination under Title IX. To discriminate an individual based on their gender identity is to discriminate them based on their gender. Please protect out trans youth, who face much higher rates of suicide and violence against them than their cisgender peers. Their lives depend on protecting them from discrimination.

- Molly from (b)(6)

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