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To Whom it may concern,

Let me preface by saying I am a lifelong Democrat, am thrilled about President Biden, and support the majority of the Democratic platform. However the expansion of the Title IX protections to include gender identity are extremely problematic and I am strongly against them. Female Sports are protected, and should NOT be forced to allow those who self ID as female to participate. This is a clear attack on Womens' protections. The erosion of womens' rights is extremely troubling to watch.

I speak from a viewpoint with additional insight, as I currently have a son who in the past year has identified as transgender. My son is (b)(6) and this belief is hitting the (b)(6) especially hard. I have learned an enormous amount of information over the last few months, and have spoken with many moms of teens who are confirming my experience. There is social contagion at work, similar to that of the eating disorders of the 90's, and transgender identification has gone from rare to commonplace. In fact, statistics show that in Britain referrals have risen 4400 percent over the last 8 years. The majority of the social contagion effect (and I can attest from my own household experience) comes through intense social media consumption - ie Reddit, Tumblr and Youtube. There is constant affirmation for those who ID as trans, and normal teenage discomfort and distress due to puberty is being explained as proof of trans. This is hitting not only the socially awkward black and white (b)(6) thinkers, but also the teenage girls feeling threatened by the oversexualization of women. T

This is not to say that transgender Identity is not real. I do believe that there are people truly suffering who benefit from social and medical transition. But statistically this bears all signs of a socially influenced phenomenon which will result (and already is resulting) in mass waves of regret.

Do not make girls lose even more rights - the right to participate in female only spaces, to compete in fair and balanced sports -- based on a very clearly anti-science amorphous gender identity theory. This is junk science informing policy and should not be enacted.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Sara Nucci