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Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona
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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:

Thank you for inviting citizens to share thoughts and beliefs concerning President's Biden's recent executive orders on "Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation" (EO 13988) and "Guaranteeing an Educational Environment Free from Discrimination on the Basis of Sex, Including Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity" (EO 14021).

These policies are a dangerous departure from the historic First Amendment freedoms for all Americans. Citizens, such as myself, who believe the Bible to be true and practical for all of life, have long enjoyed the ability to practice our Biblical beliefs without fear of persecution or government intervention. Around the world many citizens do not enjoy this security and privilege.

Loose interpretations of our country's foundational documents because of the demands of a few is a dangerous threat to the liberties guaranteed in our Bill of Rights. The Bible clearly states that God created them "male and female." Further, it is clear that God designed sex to be between a man and a woman. Those who have "chosen" to identify themselves as a gender other

than their biological gender at birth have done just that. They have "chosen" to go against God's very laws of nature. It is their choice.

However, it is also the right of churches, Christian schools, and other faith-based non-profits to hold fast to Biblical doctrines. While we are commanded to love all people and treat everyone with kindness, we are also commanded to separate from those who do not hold fast to Biblical truth. For the federal government to mandate that faith-based institutions deny the very tenets of their faith in an effort to become "all-inclusive" and non-discriminatory is an overreach of authority.

Christians are also commanded to submit to the authorities placed over them with one caveat: when those authorities blatantly reject the laws of God and seek to impose upon the citizens their own interpretations of the law contrary to the laws of God, Christians are obligated to follow God, reject the law, and suffer the consequences. When these consequences are likely to result in the loss of jobs and loss of freedom to live according to the Bible and the dictates of one's own heart, it is time to examine the wisdom of such a decision.

I respectfully ask the Department of Education to uphold the religious freedom and the conscience rights of all Americans and refuse to cater to the vocal minority.

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