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Dear Acting Assistant Secretary Goldberg and others whom it may concern:
Thank you for giving the public the opportunity to submit comments on this issue. My name is Tracye Bennis-Sine, and I live in (b)(6)
I am shocked that, in 2021, we seem to be in the process, not only of eliminating single-sex sports for women and girls, but of eliminating the legal existence of women and girls altogether. The move to allow some men and boys to participate in women's and girls' sports on the basis of so-called "gender identity" is grossly unfair to women and girls and displays a frightening rejection of basic concepts of science and material reality.

"Gender identity" has no basis in material reality, and variations in personality do not negate sex. There is no personality a man or boy can have that makes him a woman or girl, nor that suits him for participation in a women's or girls' track and field competition. As an American, I find the fact that my government does not already know this to be deeply unsettling, and as a lifelong Democrat, I am shaken to the core. While I believe this is a nonpartisan issue, as a Democrat submitting commentary to a Democratic administration, I just need to say this: What happened to our party? I thought we were the party of women's rights, and of putting facts over religious or quasi-religious ideology. The belief that men or boys can somehow be women or girls, simply in their minds or in their souls, and that this should somehow be seen as overriding sex, represents the worst kind of irrational thinking and I am ashamed to see it in my own party.

My plea, as a woman and as a mother, is for the Department of Education to say "No" to the well-funded organizations that seek to eliminate women's and girls' single-sex sports. To allow men and boys to participate in women's and girls' categories is unfair and detrimental to girls and young women who love sports and who don't deserve to be blindsided by the demand that they exceed the performance of male athletes. To female athletes hoping to earn college scholarships on the basis of outstanding athletic performance during high school, this demand is outrageous, misogynistic, and very much in violation of Title IX.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Tracye Bennis-Sine
Signatory, Declaration on Women's Sex-Based Rights