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To Whom It May Concern:

Texas Values is writing to you concerning the Department's "Title IX Virtual Public Hearing to gather information for the purpose of improving enforcement of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX)." We are a non-profit organization standing for religious freedom, life, and issues of marriage and family. Our team spends significant efforts standing for student free speech rights and parental education rights by testifying at school board meetings and the Texas State board of Education. We have seen how the policies you are considering effect every aspect of education including: dress codes, free speech, sports, and sex education.

The Title IX Amendments were clearly crafted to give educational opportunities to women and girls. The Biden Administration and the Department have clearly ignored the definitions, purpose, and scope of this law. The Administration's and the Department's actions, thus far, have shown their rush to redefine law and, worse- harm privacy and steal opportunities for women and girls.

Texas Values remembers when the Obama Administration threatened Title IX funding if schools didn't force girls to share showers, locker rooms, and hotels with boys. Thankfully, a nationwide injunction stopped it. This Department must not violate the privacy of girls.

Texas Values has had to defend the privacy rights and religious freedom rights ever since the Obama Dear Colleague letter. The Texas Values team has testified at school districts all over the state of Texas urging them to not adopt "sexual orientation"/ "gender identity" policies for students that would force girls to share private spaces with male students, force females to compete against males in sports, punish teachers and students for using the wrong pronoun, and punish students of faith who have religious beliefs on marriage and sexuality.

After the Bostock decision, education lobbying groups felt emboldened to overhaul school policies with LGBT language that imposed strict requirements on students to adhere to LGBT advocacy and severe punishment if students and teachers did not comply. Texas Values sent a legal letter to all 1,200 Texas school districts explaining that Title VII law does not apply to Title IX situations, which is an undeniable legal fact analysis. This administration is attempting to make the same legal mistake and hinder students', teachers', and even parents' rights. Many school districts have rejected the adoption of these policies and parents who have voiced their opposition have successfully voted board members out who force these LGBT policies.

Finally, parental rights- including rights of parents to teach their children about sex- must be respected. Implementing radical gender ideologies in schools nationwide is NOT the role of the federal government. The Department must reject implementing radical gender ideologies nationwide.

Respectfully,

Texas Values Policy Team