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Hello,

My name is Violet Lhant and I'm from (b)(6). I'm writing in regard to the Department of Education's comprehensive review of Title IX protections and notice of proposed rulemaking.

I'm an adult now, but as a queer kid I was bullied so much for it at school just a decade ago. Now it feels like certain politicians, teachers, admins are the bullies. We need equality for trans kids. As a trans person, I know what it's like being forced to use segregated facilities. It's barbaric this is happening in 2021. Please, make the Equality Act a priority. Sue states if you have to. Stop hate in its tracks. Our community needs you.

No transgender child should be denied access to a facility or program consistent with their gender identity, denied the opportunity to update their name or pronouns in school systems, or face unequal enforcement of dress and grooming codes — yet these instances of discrimination and others are common in schools nationwide.

Sincerely,  
Violet Lhant

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