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Ensuring that schools provide children with environments free of harassment is a laudable and important goal. However, the debate over how best to do this has been twisted by regressive gender ideology and stereotypes, which harm girls and young women in the arenas of safe bathroom access, educational opportunities, and sports. It is a violation of girls' rights to equal opportunity to destroy their single-sex spaces. Alternatives must be explored so girls AND all children identifying as trans can all have equal opportunities and stay safe at school - for example, by replacing the boys' teams with "open" teams so all students can play sports regardless of their "gender identity," but the girls' teams are preserved for girls only. I urge the hearing to listen to girls and women on the issue of sex-based rights and seek new solutions instead of brushing off all concerns as "hate." There are ways to move forward that balance all rights and that don't deny the existence of sex and sex-based oppression against girls and women. The fact that I need to submit an email defending sex-based rights anonymously shows you how toxic and untouchable this issue has become (to the detriment of girls and women).

Signed,

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