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To Whom It May Concern,

I, as a principal of a Christian school, represent a number of families in my community. Our school is a member of the American Association of Christian Schools and accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. We have worked hard to not only provide an excellent academic foundation for our next generation, but to also do so according to the religious freedoms granted to us by the First Amendment. We teach our students about God's love as well as about a biblical view of sex. We are promised by the First Amendment the ability to do so without fear of government interference. However, President Biden's executive order "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) places faith based educational institutes like ours at great risk of government interference. It may, in part, strip schools like ours of government recognition or federal aid programs and even worse; it may force religious institutes to operate against their strongly held religious convictions.

I implore you to consider faith based institutes and the First Amendment. If the Department of Education (DOE) applies this new definition to sex even in an effort to eliminate discrimination then the DOE may become guilty of violating First Amendment rights.

I share a common goal with our families that they understand before enrolling in our school. They understand our academic program coupled with our deeply held beliefs. The potential ramifications of forcing an opposing ideology into a faith based institute regardless of their convictions would be devastating to our purpose and mission. The ramifications may include being forced to consider new employees who do not uphold our vision, to accommodate students who reject our teachings and guidance, and much more. Schools like ours have families who attend because they believe in the ethics that we are instilling.

I again implore you. Please do not force an ideology onto all institutes. Please uphold the First Amendment rights of faith-based educational institutes striving to service families in our communities.

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