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I have recently learned that the Department of Education is considering redefining "sex" to mean sexual orientation and gender identity in accordance with President Biden's executive order regarding its usage in federal organizations. As a Christian American, I wish to express my opposition to such intentions as it would discriminate against my beliefs as found in the Bible.

I am also an Administrator of a Christian school, where we teach our young people the wonderful truth that they are made in the image of a loving God, who created them for an incredible purpose! We share with them how that they are gifts from God; and that He created them as male and female. Just because we have some citizens who are questioning their sexual identity or who are looking to excel in a particular field if they change identity; that does not mean that we need to start redefining terms to make them feel accepted. Changing terms will not solve any problems any more than redefining the "sun" will make it any cooler. People need answers, not just approval. People who have questions about their identity are seeking something; and they are not being helped by the government simply redefining what they think they are. The Bible gives the answer to those who are seeking the truth about themselves and their gender and purpose. They are wonderfully made in the image of God; and He will give them the answers to their questions if they are open to what He has to say through His Word.

Forcing an order to "Prevent and Combat Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation" by taking away the freedoms of millions of Bible believers and their children is also discrimination, isn't it? We are opposed to this legislation and ask that you uphold the religious freedom that is clearly documented in our Constitution, its amendments, and other founding documents.

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