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A Record Number of Comments From Concerned Americans Objecting to Biden Administration's Title IX Rewrite

An overwhelming number of comments were submitted to the Department of Education opposing the Biden administration's plan to gut Title IX. Americans strongly oppose the bureaucratic deprivation of equal opportunity, parental rights, free speech, and due process of law.

Many of the public comments filed struck common themes:

- "If enacted, this rule will allow males onto women's sports teams and into women's locker rooms, and sororities. This is wrong, and it isn't fair."
- The proposed rules "pressure schools into punishing 'offensive' speech about sex, sex roles, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity" in violation of the First Amendment.
- The proposed rule "undermines a parent's right to make decisions about his or her children, and that is unacceptable."
- "The Department of Education should work to stop campus Kangaroo courts, not encourage them! Please withdraw the 2022 proposed Title IX rule, and please urge all schools to comply with constitutionallyrequired due process mandates."

"As a concerned citizen, I strongly oppose the Department's proposed rule to redefine the definition of 'sex' in Title IX. This proposed rule forces young girls to share intimate spaces with males. This proposed rule forces girls to give up their educational opportunities to males who perform better than they do. And this proposed rule tells girls that their objections and concerns with these policies will be silenced. America's girls deserve better. I urge you to rescind this rule." —Marion K.

"Please. Please do not take away women's rights ... Why are you discriminating against women? ... Those of us who still have any modesty do not want men to come into our bathrooms and invade our privacy, our feminine hygiene, our psychological and bodily heritage." —Anonymous

"This proposed rule affects me greatly as a woman. It puts females at risk for losing out on sports scholarships and opportunities to play, due to the physical advantage that a biological male identifying as a woman has over a biological woman. I foresee a future where men identifying as women dominate women's sports, pushing out any and all women from any opportunities to break new records or make any advancements in women's history. All the accomplishments and hard work women have put into showing off just what a woman can truly do are being taken away from us by men claiming to be a woman." **—Stephanie S.**

"The proposed rule by the U.S. Department of Education would completely undermine a parent's right to make decisions about his or her children's education, health care, and treatment. That is wrong and must be corrected immediately.

Schools wouldn't even have to share what they are teaching about gender identity, and parents would not be told if their own children express interest in transitioning to the other sex.

Parents know the unique and individual needs of their children better than anyone. The federal government should not require public schools to dictate to parents what is best for a child; that decision should lie with parents and parents only, not the education bureaucracy.

Please withdraw your proposed Title IX rule." -Warren F.

"By proposing to extend Title IX to prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity, the administration's proposed rule would force school districts, colleges, and universities to allow males who identify as female to compete in women's sports. The administration's proposed rewrite of Title IX undermines this important law.

Please withdraw this rule and enforce Title IX as Congress intended." **–Tanya K.**

"I am writing in opposition to this rule redefining sex as used in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

For fifty years, Title IX has provided important protections and opportunities for women by prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex. While parents across the country are demanding the rejection of 'woke' policies, the Department of Education instead has chosen to hijack Title IX to force gender ideology on children without their parents' knowledge or approval.

This proposed rule is a lawless interpretation and is a complete overreach by the Department of Education." —Paul S.

"We are the parents of three children in the state of New York. We are saddened by the proposed changes to Title IX. We are concerned that the proposed changes will violate my rights as a parent, cause discrimination towards my daughter in sports, threaten my daughter's privacy in sports locker rooms, infringe on my family's religious liberties, and most of all, not give my daughter a fair chance to participate in sports meant for her biological sex.

Money is allocated to schools each year on a per-student basis, based on the number of children enrolled in school. We ask you to calculate and take into consideration the economic impact of concerned parents removing their children from public schools due to these proposed regulations.

We strongly urge you to abandon these changes to the Title IX regulations."

-MK & AK

"Other than completely folding to the agenda of radical leftist politicians, there is no reason to get rid of the current [Title IX] regulations, which require schools to give both accusers and the accused important and predictable protections in cases of sexual harassment and assault. These protections include basic elements of the American justice system, like the right to a fair hearing, access to all the evidence, and the right to ask questions of witnesses.

The new rules would betray both the victims of sexual harassment and people accused of sexual misconduct by destroying these valuable due process protections. Please withdraw this damaging rule, which would turn sensible Title IX protections into a nightmare for students, teachers, and parents."

—Esmeralda A.

"Allowing athletes to compete in sports outside of their biological sex is actually an infringement on women's rights and a form of discrimination." – **Brittany S.**



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