



Quick and Easy Instructions for Commenting on the Biden Administration's Proposed Changes to Title IX that incorporate “gender identity” as equivalent to sex:

- 1) Go to this link  
[Federal Register - Link to Title IX Comments](#)
- 2) Click on the Green “Submit a Formal Comment” located on the upper right side of the page (you can see other comments written if you click on “Read” link beneath the Submit button)
- 3) Write your comment - see our suggestions for introductory sentences and paragraphs below
  - a) Choose ONE topic
  - b) PERSONALIZE (use “I”) and change the words to your own - if you can talk about yourself, things you’ve seen, heard, felt or would feel, it will be better.
  - c) 4-6 sentences is fine, but you are NOT limited. Try to justify your position - experience, science or stories. “I do not want to be forced....”
  - d) ASK a question.
  - e) You can submit as many comments as you’d like.

SUGGESTED TOPICS AND PARAGRAPHS (Please edit to personalize and make your own)

Note: The administration has not provided an exemption for athletics and sports. They are included in the preamble despite claims that they will address it later. There is concern that sports comments will be dismissed because of this verbal claim, but please make comments related to sports so they are part of public record. Locker rooms, language, sex-segregated spaces (including rape crisis centers), awards, harassment and representation are all impacted, as is the guarantee of sex segregated categories for any activity, including sports.

Opening sentence suggestions:

- 1) As a former athlete, Olympian, scholarship athlete, parent of young women, parent of a current student, woman, father to a daughter, current student, current athlete, etc
- 2) I oppose any change to the original writing of Title IX without Congressional approval. Do not implement your suggested alterations to Title IX.

I am asking you not to add, change or alter the sex-based protections that Title IX has granted to women.

- 3) Please do not include “gender identity” in Title IX regulations. We can protect women on the basis of sex OR males on the basis of gender identity, but we cannot do both simultaneously. Women need Title IX’s sex based protections.

Topics (choose 1 per comment):

**Male nudity in locker rooms/ bathrooms:**

Women (those born female) deserve to have privacy and dignity in changing facilities and areas where they are vulnerable. Women deserve the right to consent to male nudity or undressing in front of a male body. Women of all ages, religions and physical limitations should be assured that they have access to female only spaces when undressing, showering or needing to take care of feminine hygiene, menstruation, and cleanliness. The suggested changes to Title IX removes this protection from women. How are you going to ensure women’s privacy, dignity and safety if you remove their protection to female only spaces?

**Fair Competition:**

Women (natal females) deserve fair competition and safety in sports. The only way to provide fairness and safety is to protect the women’s sports category on the basis of sex. Women and girls of every age deserve this protection. With your proposed changes to Title IX women will have to compete unfairly, against biology that does not match their own, placing them in danger and at a disadvantage. These proposals are an abuse of women, forcing them to recognize their value as less than that of males. The cost to women will be enormous. How are you going to protect the right of women to safety, opportunity and fairness in sports without sex-specific categories?

**Taking a Spot on a Team:**

Women (those born female) still have far less opportunity in sports than males even 50 years after Title IX. A girl or woman should not have to give up a spot on a woman’s team to a male at any age or ability level. Women and girls need encouragement to learn and compete in sports and they deserve the fair chance to be champions. For every male champion, we deserve to see a female champion. We are still underrepresented in numbers and chances to play. Women and girls should not have to lose their too small opportunities to those born male. How are you going to ensure that a male doesn’t take the place of a female on teams set aside for women and girls?

**Compelled Speech:**

Language should never be legislated, but in particular the language used to accurately describe sex should not be compelled. Women need to be able to accurately describe themselves and males to identify discrimination, abuse, harassment and representation. The new alterations to Title IX would make accurate language a crime. A woman might be compelled to traumatically identify a rapist or abuser as a “she”. Male crimes would be referred to and documented

inaccurately and associated with women. How are you going to protect everyone's right to describe people based on their biological reality? How are you going to protect women's right to use language identifying males accurately for correct representation, crimes and harassment? How are you going to protect crime and discrimination statistics so that we can identify when sex is important for women and girls?

### **Record Boards and Awards:**

Part of the success of Title IX was increasing the visibility of women's accomplishments. Record boards in gyms, pools and documents have been a source of inspiration and pride for women. Many of those records now have male recognition for both the women's and men's categories. This is harmful to women. Those records are not reflective of what female biology has been capable of and women need to see themselves equally celebrated on record sheets and boards. The same thing is true for awards set aside for women. Women's records and awards are now being offered to males. The new Title IX regulations will make women's accomplishments more difficult to celebrate and identify. Males will win awards in both the men and women's categories minimizing women further. How are you going to ensure that those born female are not further discriminated against and will be equally celebrated?

### **Vulnerabilities - Age, Disability, Religion**

The new proposals to Title IX not only do not protect women, they exclude women. Women depend on sex-based protection to participate and women of faith, disability and various ages depend on it even more. Women of various faiths simply cannot be around males in undress, males in locker rooms or males in some physical activities. Sex based categories protect women of faith having access to participation in important parts of life. Women of disability are more likely to face discrimination and even violence. They depend on the sex-based protection of female only spaces and categories to feel safe and comfortable enough to participate in athletic facilities and changing rooms where they need privacy and time to care for themselves. Women of all ages in university facilities also depend on the privacy and dignity of female-only spaces for safety, comfort and physical boundaries apart from males. Many women, including those of various religions, disabilities and ages, will self-exclude if they do not have the appropriate female-only spaces and activities. How are you going to ensure that these regulations do not force disabled or religious women to exclude themselves from full participation in life activities?

### **Bypassing Congress to Rewrite a Law (in a way that hurts those it was meant to protect):**

Rewriting a law without Congressional approval is a violation of the balance of power in our government. These dramatic Title IX proposals have not gone through the official legislative process for changing a law and they alter the law's original intent. The proposed changes harm those the law was designed to protect. Altering the definition of women and girls to include males with an alternate "gender identity" effectively eliminates the true sex-based protection that Title IX has offered for the last 50 years. Title IX was intended to protect women on "basis of sex" and it will no longer have that capability. It took many years to pass Title IX with full Congressional approval. Women should not have their protections redefined without the full

Congressional process. How does the Biden administration have the power to redefine the protections women were promised and unilaterally change the language and definition of women and girls?