May 16, 2024

RE: Establishment of a House Task Force to End the Weaponization of the Department of Education

Speaker Mike Johnson

H-232, The Capitol

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson:

On April 19, the Department of Education released its new Title IX regulation that changes the definition of “sex.” This new policy will cause harmful, systemic effects on children, schools, families, and ultimately to our entire society.

Response to the new regulation has been extremely negative.[[1]](#footnote-1),[[2]](#footnote-2),[[3]](#footnote-3),[[4]](#footnote-4) In particular:

* Seven lawsuits from 22 states have been filed in federal courts to block the regulation.[[5]](#footnote-5)
* Impressively. one of the lawsuits features 17 school districts in Louisiana as plaintiffs.[[6]](#footnote-6)
* Numerous states already have declared they will not follow the new policy, including AR, FL, LA, NE, OK, and SC.[[7]](#footnote-7)

The excesses of Title IX have become a bi-partisan concern. A recent poll of 1,600 registered voters revealed a majority of persons now support state laws that would require children to wait until age 18 before they can receive transgender treatments: Republicans: 73%, Democrats: 61%.[[8]](#footnote-8)

On May 9, representatives from several member-organizations of the Title IX Network[[9]](#footnote-9) held meetings with staffers of 18 Members of the House of Representatives. The purpose of the meetings was to recommend the establishment of a Task Force of key House Members to confer on strategies to end the weaponization of the Department of Education.

During these meetings, we recommended that the Task Force consider these three broad options:

1. Major appropriations reductions
2. Major reorganization of the Department of Education
3. Complete abolition of the Department of Education

Staffer response to this recommendation was uniformly and strongly positive.

During the meetings, we urged that the Task Force be established now, before the November elections.

We also highlighted that the House Appropriations Committee had succeeded in approving important budget reductions in its FY24 Labor-HHS-Education bill:

* Section 244: Prohibits the implementation of Biden’s Executive Order on “Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation.”
* Section 311: Prohibits the Department of Education from implementing the proposed Title IX regulations that were issued in July 2022 and in April 2023.
* Section 312: Protects religious liberty in schools.
* Section 534: Prohibits the use of federal funds for hormone therapy or surgical treatment for “gender-affirming care.”
* Section 535: Prohibits the implementation of any other “diversity, equity, inclusion office, program, or training.”

Although these cuts did not survive to the final approved version of the Labor-HHS-Education bill, they represent an important first step of the process of restoring accountability to the Department of Education.

You may be aware that the Heritage Foundation already has developed a roadmap for this process.[[10]](#footnote-10) This document may be a good starting point for the Task Force’s deliberations.

Based on the positive responses during our May 9 meetings, the following member-organizations of the Title IX Network hereby request that you promptly establish a Task Force to end the weaponization of the Department of Education.

We look forward to working with you. If you have further questions, feel free to contact Bob Thompson at [rthompson@saveservices.org](mailto:rthompson@saveservices.org)

10 <https://static.project2025.org/2025_MandateForLeadership_CHAPTER-11.pdf>

Sincerely,

**National Groups (31)**

SAVE (Stop Abusive and Violent Environments)

AFA Action

Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization

AMAC Action

American Association of Evangelicals

American Association of Senior Citizens

American Life & Liberty PAC

America Values

Awake Americans

Catholics Count

Center for Equal Opportunity

Center for Military Readiness

Conservatives of Faith

ConservativeHQ.com

Eagle Forum

Global Strategic Alliance

Katartismos Global

Law Offices of Philip A. Byler

Less Government

Men and Women for a Representative Democracy in America

Mission America

National Association of Scholars

No Left Turn in Education

Palm Beach Freedom Institute

Project 21 Black Leadership Network

Radiance Foundation

60 Plus Association

Strategic Coalitions and Initiatives, LLC

Tradition, Family, Property, Inc.

United Against Racism in Education

Women for Democracy in America

**State Groups (21):**

American Life & Liberty PAC, Virginia

Awake Illinois

Child Protection League Action

Eagle Forum of Alabama

Eagle Forum of Michigan

Independent Women's Network, Bismarck Chapter

Louisiana Save Our Schools

Middle Resolution

Moms for Liberty Howard County, Maryland

Moms for Liberty Talbot County, Maryland

Ohio Value Voters

Parents on the Level

Protect Ohio Children Coalition

Roughrider Policy Center

Scottsdale Unites for Educational Integrity

Texas Eagle Forum

Texas Freedom Coalition

Utah Citizens for the Constitution

Utah Eagle Forum

Virginia Association of Scholars

Wisconsin Family Action

Cc: Virginia Foxx, Chairperson, Committee on Education and the Workforce

Cc: Other Republican Members of the House of Representatives

1. <https://nypost.com/2024/04/23/opinion/bidens-new-title-ix-rules-prove-its-time-for-the-doe-to-be-doa/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://www.newsweek.com/biden-admin-weaponizing-title-ix-promote-fringe-sexual-politics-opinion-1894635> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://thefederalist.com/2023/04/14/from-title-ix-to-title-none-biden-kills-womens-sports-and-safety/> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. <https://thewordofdamocles.substack.com/p/another-biden-administration-attack> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. <https://www.saveservices.org/2022-policy/abolish-doe/> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. <https://htv-prod-media.s3.amazonaws.com/files/file-stamped-louisiana-v-u-s-dep-t-of-education-title-ix-662fda6716ff7.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. <https://www.saveservices.org/2024/05/naked-attempt-to-strong-arm-our-schools-five-lawsuits-seek-to-block-sweeping-title-ix-rule/> [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. <https://www.dailywire.com/news/majority-of-voters-support-state-laws-protecting-children-from-trans-procedures-poll> [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. <https://www.saveservices.org/2022-Policy/> [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)