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Parents' Rights in Education  
Attn: Lori Porter, Director  
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Dear Ms. Porter:

Our local school districts are currently being forced to grapple with the issue of whether transgender students should be allowed to use the bathroom facilities and showering facilities opposite their biological sex and are faced with the challenge of how they (school district leaders) will fairly protect the constitutional bodily privacy rights of all K-12 students.

The materials provided to us by your organization, Parents' Rights in Education (PRE), suggest that the US Department of Education's (USDOE) "guidance" that "sex" under Title IX includes "gender identity" does not have the force of law – yet this interpretation is being presented as such, threats of defunding are being made and Oregon school board members are being intimidated and expected to give into the pressure.

The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") supports the efforts of PRE together with concerned parents, teachers and school administrators to seek a judicial determination as to whether Title IX truly requires these types of accommodations for transgender students that the USDOE and the US Department of Justice (USDOJ) are insisting upon under the threat of withholding Title IX funds and what if any accommodations must be made to address the concerns of other students and families affected by these policies.

The Board recognizes the financial burden our local school districts would bear should Title IX funding be withheld. We therefore support efforts to challenge any attempt to do so. Much more importantly this issue has a dramatic impact on students and parents with regard to their constitutional right of bodily privacy. The Board stands in support of local control and the rights of local school boards elected to execute the desires of their constituents.

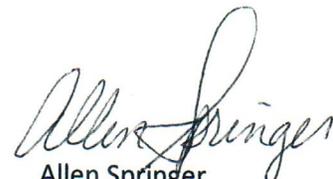
Sincerely,



Mary Starrett  
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Vice-Chair



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Commissioner

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