

# Draft Title IX Regulation Has Unleashed a Wave of Violence by Transgender Activists

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The Honorable Dr. Miguel Cardona  
Secretary of Education  
U.S. Department of Education  
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Dear Secretary Cardona:

On June 23, 2022 the Department of Education released its draft Title IX regulation.<sup>1</sup> In response, numerous federal and state lawmakers have spoken out against the plan,<sup>2</sup> 18 Attorneys General vowed “we will fight your proposed changes to Title IX with every available tool in our arsenal,”<sup>3</sup> and numerous bills have been introduced at the federal and state levels to counter the harmful effects of the proposed rule.

One of the most controversial changes of the draft rule is a proposed re-definition of “sex” to include “gender identity,” a move that served to embolden and bolster the aggressiveness of the transgender movement in America.<sup>4</sup>

As a result, a growing number of incidents of harassment and free speech violations have been reported.<sup>5</sup> In recent months, many of these incidents escalated to threats of violence, or even actual incidents of violence by transgender activists. Following is a partial listing of such incidents:

1. **October 26, 2022, Tacoma:** At a Let Women Speak rally, a counter-protester stormed the area where Kellie-Jay Keen and fellow speakers were presenting. Police made one arrest for assault.<sup>6</sup>
2. **November 14, 2022, New York City:** Nine transgender activists were arrested following a clash with New York police officers during a ‘Let Women Speak’ event.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-releases-proposed-changes-title-ix-regulations-invites-public-comment>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.saveservices.org/2022-policy/attorneys-general-and-lawmakers/>

<sup>3</sup> [https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/INAG/2022/06/23/file\\_attachments/2192787/Montana%20Indiana%20Title%20IX%20response%20letter.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/INAG/2022/06/23/file_attachments/2192787/Montana%20Indiana%20Title%20IX%20response%20letter.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://decisionmagazine.com/study-american-voters-believe-the-transgender-movement-has-gone-too-far/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.saveservices.org/2022-policy/transgender-violence/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://youtu.be/qorC5OUoGU0?t=1061>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.foxnews.com/us/transgender-activists-clash-nypd-during-let-women-speak-event-arrested>

3. **February 28, 2023, Oklahoma City:** As lawmakers were debating a bill to ban “gender transition procedures,” two transgender activists threw water at a representative and assaulted a police officer. Savanna Mitchell and Austin Ross were arrested and charged with assault and battery.<sup>8</sup>
4. **March 27, 2023, Nashville:** Armed with a rifle, pistol, and handgun, Audrey Hale rushed into Covenant School and fired 152 shots, killing three staff members and three students. Hale had self-identified as transgender.<sup>9</sup>
5. **March 29, 2023, Nashville:** Following threats of violence against his family, critic Matt Walsh announced the cancellation of his upcoming presentation at Washington and Lee University in Virginia. “I will not let any harm come to my children or my wife,” Walsh explained.<sup>10</sup>
6. **March 29, 2023, San Francisco:** Ella Irwin, head of Twitter Trust and Safety, announced that Twitter had deleted about 5,000 tweets of a poster for a “Trans Day of Vengeance,” planned for April 1 in Washington, DC. Irwin explained, “We do not support tweets that incite violence, irrespective of who posts them.”<sup>11</sup>
7. **March 29, 2023, Richmond:** Two transgender activists were arrested for violently disrupting a pro-life event at Virginia Commonwealth University.<sup>12</sup> One student was forcefully shoved into a table, requiring attention by EMT personnel.
8. **March 31, 2023, Colorado Springs:** Transgender Lilly Wentworth, 19, was arrested after she allegedly plotted to attack three of her former schools. Authorities also recovered a copy of the Communist Manifesto among Whitworth's possessions.<sup>13</sup>
9. **April 6, 2023, San Francisco State University:** Following a speech by former NCAA swimmer Riley Gaines, a group of activists began to chant, “Trans rights are human rights.” They chased Gaines down a hallway, assaulting her repeatedly and forcing her to seek safety in a room. To secure her release, the activists demanded that Riley pay each of them a \$10 “ransom.”<sup>14</sup>
10. **April 23, 2023, Ft. Worth:** Three Antifa members were arrested on multiple charges, including assault of a police officer. They were arrested after attacking a peaceful protest

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<sup>8</sup> <https://okcfox.com/news/local/second-arrest-made-after-troopers-scuffle-with-pro-lgbtq-protesters-trans-bill-oklahoma-city-ponca-city-kay-county-assault-battery-transgender>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.foxnews.com/us/nashville-killer-audrey-hale-slept-with-journals-on-school-shootings-under-bed-court-docs-reveal>

<sup>10</sup> <https://twitter.com/MattWalshBlog/status/1641139030052962305?lang=en>

<sup>11</sup> <https://nypost.com/2023/03/30/twitter-deletes-tweets-about-trans-day-of-vengeance-protest/>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.dailysignal.com/2023/03/31/violent-transgender-activists-and-antifa-agitators-shut-down-pro-life-event-at-virginia-commonwealth-university/>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11948149/Transgender-Colorado-woman-19-arrested-plot-shoot-THREE-schools-churches.html>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11950063/RILEY-GAINES-hit-face-man-dressed-woman-speaking-against-trans-movement.html?fbclid=IwAR3sY7evWRjIay5z7v78AFDWbwEtzijeVfB6TlfnXUIFIsfJGp8vYDhslGY>

outside a local restaurant where a drag queen show was taking place. Two out of the three Antifa members were transgender.<sup>15</sup>

*Such deplorable incidents are unacceptable in a democratic society.*

To date, 212 organizational members of the Title IX Network have announced their opposition to the Biden Title IX plan.<sup>16</sup> The 41 undersigned national organizations, 31 state-level groups, and 34 state lawmakers urge the Department of Education to immediately abandon its plan to release a new Title IX regulation.

Sincerely,

**National Organizations:**

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| SAVE (Stop Abusive and Violent Environments) | Conservatives of Faith                                  |
| American Association of Christian Schools    | Eagle Forum   |
| American Association of Evangelicals (AAE)   | Family Research Council                                 |
| American Council for Health Care Reform      | Gender Studies for Men                                  |
| American Family Association                  | Katartismos Global                                      |
| American Life & Liberty PAC                  | Less Government   |
| Americans for Limited Government             | Men and Women for a Representative Democracy in America |
| American Principles Project                  | Mission America   |
| American Values                              | National Association of Scholars                        |
| AMAC Action                                  | NationsNet  |
| Catholics Count                              | Nesenoff & Miltenberg LLP                               |
| Center for Military Readiness                | No Left Turn in Education                               |
| Child and Parental Rights Campaign           | Rule of Law Committee60 Plus Association                |
| Children First Foundation                    | Tea Party Nation  |
| Christian Leadership Council                 | Thin Blue Line Caucus                                   |
| Citizens for Renewing America                | Tradition, Family, Property, Inc.                       |
| Claire Best & Associates                     | United Against Racism in Education                      |
| Coalition of African American Pastors, USA   | Well Versed   |
| Coalition of Conservative Christian Colleges | We the People USA PAC                                   |
| ConservativeHQ.com                           | Women for Democracy in America                          |

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<sup>15</sup> <https://thepostmillennial.com/antifa-members-arrested-after-allegedly-attacking-protestors-outside-of-fort-worth-family-friendly-drag-show>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.saveservices.org/2022-Policy/>

## **State-Level Organizations:**

Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization  
American Life & Liberty Virginia PAC  
Army of Parents  
California Association of Scholars  
Child Protection League  
Delaware Family Policy Council  
Eagle Forum of Michigan  
Family Policy Institute of Washington  
Frontline Policy Action  
Girls Deserve Privacy  
Greenwich Patriots  
Idaho Freedom Foundation, Center for American Education  
Independent Women's Network, Bismarck Chapter  
Independent Women's Network, Colorado Chapter  
Louisiana Family Forum

Moms for Liberty, Bay County, Florida  
Moms for Liberty, Carroll County, Maryland  
Moms for Liberty, Montgomery County, Maryland  
Moms for Liberty of Loudoun County, Virginia  
Ohio Value Voters  
Palm Beach Freedom Institute  
Protect Ohio Children Coalition  
Rhode Island Center for Freedom & Prosperity  
Roughrider Policy Center  
Southwest Policy Group  
Tennessee Eagle Forum  
Texas Eagle Forum  
Texas Freedom Coalition  
Utah Eagle Forum  
Virginia Eagle Forum  
Wisconsin Family Action

## **State Lawmakers:**

### *Alabama:*

Rep. Susan DuBose, District 45

### *Alaska:*

Sen. Shelley Hughes, District M  
Sen. Mike Shower, District O

### *Arkansas:*

Rep. Cindy Crawford, District 51

### *Hawaii:*

Rep. Dr. Elijah Pierick, District 39

### *Idaho:*

Rep. Jacyn Gallagher, District 9  
Rep. Ted Hill, District 14

### *Illinois:*

Rep. Brad Halbrook, District 107

### *Iowa:*

Rep. Jeff Shipley, District 87  
Rep. Luana Stoltenberg, District 81

### *Kansas:*

Rep. Michael Murphy, District 114

### *Kentucky:*

Rep. John Hodgson, District 36  
Sen. Lindsey Tichenor, District 6

### *Louisiana:*

Rep. Kathy Edmonston, District 88

### *Maine:*

Rep. Tammy Schmersal- Burgess, District 77  
Rep. Katrina Smith, District 62

*Mississippi:*

Sen. Angela Hill, District 40

*New Hampshire:*

Rep. Michael Granger, Strafford, District 2

Rep. Stephen

Kennedy, Hillsborough, District 13

Rep. Sandra Panek, Hillsborough, District 1

Rep. James Spillane, Rockingham District 2

Rep. Dick Thackston, Cheshire District 12

*New Jersey:*

Assemblyman Parker Space, District 24

*North Dakota:*

Rep. Lori VanWinkle, District 3

*Oklahoma:*

Rep. Jim Olsen, District 2

Rep. Mark Tedford, District 69

Rep. Tammy Townley, District 48

*Oregon:*

Rep. James Hieb, District 51

Rep. Christine Goodwin, District 4

*South Dakota:*

Rep. Fred Deutsch, District 4

Sen. Jim Stalzer, District 11

*Tennessee:*

Rep. Dennis Powers, District 36

*Virginia:*

Delegate Dave LaRock, District 33

*West Virginia:*

Delegate Todd Longanacre, District 47