Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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President Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

We are extremely concerned with the recent directive from your Administration threatening legal action against or denial of congressionally appropriated funds to local school districts that do not allow students to use their bathroom of choice regardless of their gender. We ask that you rescind your poorly executed threat to school districts across the country and reaffirm their right to govern themselves as they see fit within the bounds of the law.

To date, neither statute nor legal precedent has extended civil rights protections based on gender identity. Furthermore your actions threaten to infringe on the constitutional right of Congress to appropriate funds. We view this as an effort to implement your Administration's political agenda outside the bounds of the law and against the will of the American people.

We insist that you withdraw this legally unfounded threat immediately.

Sincerely,

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