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Dear Members of Flagler County School Board,

Greetings to you all. I am a twelve-year resident of Flagler County and today I am writing to urge you TO NOT AMEND YOUR SCHOOL BOARD POLICY MANUAL REGARDING CHAPTER 5, LEGAL NAME OF STUDENT, CODE 529, STATUTORY AUTHORITY 1001.41 1001.42, F.S. LAWS IMPLEMENTED 1000.21 1001.43 1003.21, F.S., THAT MIGHT REQUIRE USING PRONOUNS MATCHING ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE GENDER OF THE STUDENT'S BIRTH.

Please note that from the 1980s through 2006, I was lesbian advocate for homosexual rights. I am a former member of the Human Rights Campaign; a former board member of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; a former member of the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum; founder of In The Life Atlanta (an African American gay pride organization); and former publisher of VENUS, an internationally distributed lifestyles magazine supporting African-American lesbians and gay men.

In 2006 I had a radical change of heart when I finally humbled myself and submitted to the teachings of Jesus Christ, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Bible. Since the day of my transformation, I have worked to lovingly share with anyone deceived by same-sex attraction or so-called transgenderism and their advocates that CHANGE is not only possible but EVIDENCED in myself and countless others who are experiencing complete freedom from our former same-sex or gender confused desires.

Because my perspective is unique as a former insider of the sexual rights movement, I am urging you to consider these points and "VOTE NO" TO AMEND CODE 529 OF YOUR POLICY MANUAL THAT MIGHT REQUIRE USING PRONOUNS MATCHING ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE GENDER OF THE STUDENT'S BIRTH.

There is no evidence genuinely supporting 'gender identity'. One is either born male or female. Homosexuals (when we refer to homosexuals, we include so-called transgenders and all other 'identities') and the liberal media are not interested in legitimate research such as the [accurately published study by Dr. Paul R. McHugh of Johns Hopkins University](#), a psychiatrist who studied so-called transgendered patients for 40 years. Dr. McHugh's published works present evidence that gender dysphoria is a mental condition and is extremely dangerous for those who seek 'treatment' in so-called gender reassignment surgeries. These mutilating procedures did not and will not achieve a feeling of success for any of its patients (men don't actually become or feel like women or vice versa). The most disturbing fact is that these individuals have a suicide rate 20 times greater than other peer groups.

1. By in large, homosexuals are not interested in the evidence and statements of the [American College of Pediatrics](#) and [practicing Pediatricians](#) who say that exposing 'gender identity' ideology as a normalized lifestyle to children is extremely unhealthy and down-right dangerous to the child's mental, physical and social development. <https://www.acped.org/the-college-speaks/position-statements/gender-ideology-harms-children>.
2. The **[GENDER RESOURCE GUIDE is a MUST READ](#)** for those who want facts about the dangers of gender ideologies on children and how to respond.
3. Homosexual studies are fake. (<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/new-psychiatrists-report-blows-up-scientific-argument-for-homosexuality-gen>); Homosexuals refuse to acknowledge actual research and studies published by respected professionals who have told them YOU WERE NOT BORN GAY. They ostracize these professionals.
4. THIS IS NOT ABOUT DISCRIMINATION. Homosexuals often falsely state into record, during public comment time at government meetings, alleged violent acts against them. Many so-called hate crimes against homosexuals are FAKED. (Jussie Smollett) <https://news.yahoo.com/jussie-smollett-chicago-police-could-153900386.html> There is plenty of [evidence to show countless](#) other arrests of homosexuals faking hate crimes to bolster sympathy because homosexuals have NO IMMUTIBILITY therefore no real cause. Their so-called "Equality Act" is an outrage, a sham and a SHAME.
5. Homosexuals will always quote erroneous statistics concerning gay teen suicide as well as depression caused by not 'feeling included' or accepted as gay or 'transgendered'. They purposely do not point out that heterosexual youth also commit suicide and are depressed at alarming rates. This obviously means that teen suicide has much less to do with not feeling included as to do with improper or no treatment of mental illness (such as homosexuality). Yes, it is mental illness. [The American Psychological Association \(APA\) went on record in 2013 stating that homosexuals are NOT BORN GAY.](#)

By the way, why is it that homosexual students received new supportive programs and policies such as the one being proposed and not hetero students [who don't 'feel included']? Could it be that there is a pro homosexual agenda at work in public schools?

6. Parents of homosexuals and gender confused children love their children very much and we understand that, however it is outrageous for them to force their children's' confused 'feelings' on ALL students, teachers, administrators and citizens of Flagler County. We believe that such an amendment to change your policy would place our children and families in harm's way, all in the name of 'equality'.

Board members, these are reasons why we stand with outraged youth, parents, churches, teachers, physicians, policy makers and even feminists to demand that you NOT AMEND YOUR POLICY MANUAL TO REQUIRE USING PRONOUNS MATCHING ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE GENDER OF THE STUDENT'S BIRTH. We look forward to your making this RIGHT MOVE, to not amend school board policy on this issue. Have a Merry Christmas!

Respectfully,

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