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Moms for Liberty Succeeds in Halting Federal Title IX Changes

TOPEKA, KS (July 2, 2024): In a landmark ruling, a federal court in Kansas issued an opinion halting the Biden Department of Education's Title IX changes in a lawsuit brought by Southeastern Legal Foundation (SLF) and Mountain States Legal Foundation (MSLF) on behalf of their clients Moms for Liberty and Young America's Foundation. The organizations joined the states of Kansas, Wyoming, Utah, and Alaska, as well as other students and interest groups, in challenging the Department of Education's blatant disregard for the First Amendment rights of K-12 and college students.

The members of Moms for Liberty and Young America's Foundation are parents and students in K-12 schools and colleges who fear sharing their true views—including the view that gender is not fluid, that there are only two genders based on biological sex, and that private spaces on campuses should be kept sex-segregated—in light of the Biden Administration's unconstitutional changes to the definition of "sex" under Title IX. Under the Department of Education's new rule, "sex" no longer means male or female but includes gender identity and sex stereotypes, so anyone who speaks out against gender identity, fails to recognize a classmate's "preferred pronouns," or speaks up for their physical safety and right not to have to undress in front of the opposite biological sex can be punished for harassment.

As the parties explained in the briefing before the court, this will have devastating consequences for free speech. The court agreed, ruling that the new rule is so vague that students will be forced to self-censor rather than risk punishment. The order prohibits the Biden Department of Education from enforcing the new rule against the states of Kansas, Alaska, Utah, and Wyoming, as well as every school attended by the members of Young America's Foundation and the children of Moms for Liberty members.

Parents have until July 15, 2024 to become a Moms for Liberty member and share in the protection this injuction provides. This order prohibits the Biden Department of Education from enforcing the new rule against the children of Moms for Liberty members.

OFFICIAL COMMENT from Moms for Liberty Co-Founders Tiffany Justice and Tina Descovich on the WIN:

"Gender ideology does not belong in public schools and we are glad the courts made the correct call to support parental rights. We will always stand up for the rights of parents and the protection of children. All parents must have their voices heard and their right to raise their own children is part of the very fabric of a free America. The federal government has no right to claim our children as their own or to push parents out of the classroom."

Moms for Liberty is dedicated to the survival of America by unifying, educating and empowering parents to defend their parental rights at all levels of government. The group has over 130,000 members in 48 states. Moms for Liberty of Erie County was founded in the Summer of 2022 by Jackie Best, Hamburg mother of three. For more information, visit <u>https://portal.momsforliberty.org/chapters/erie-county-ny/</u>

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