

Dear Future President,

I would like to propose to you a problem in the United States of America that is affecting a lot of America's youth. The percentage of teenage transgender students in public schools is growing. I believe that these students should be treated with the same respect and given the same opportunities as the other students. They face many problems in their everyday school life. Some problems that transgender students face at school are bullying by their peers, and feeling unsafe in school. In an article on [Healthline](#) states there is a 37 percentage rate of transgender teens who feel unsafe in school because of their gender expression. Also there is a 55 percentage rate of transgender teens that are verbally harassed because of their gender expression. The percentage rate for transgender teens that are assaulted, either punched, kicked, or injured with a weapon is 11% because of their gender expression. But worst of all LGBT youths in grades 7-12 are more likely to commit suicide because of feeling unsafe in school. These issues are important and need to be addressed.

But one problem that can be fixed at the moment is the bathroom policies. Transgender students are rarely allowed to use the bathroom that corresponds to the gender they identify with. Transgender students should be allowed to use which bathroom they identify with due to Title IX. Title IX states "A school may not require transgender students to use facilities inconsistent with their gender identity or to use individual-user facilities when other students are not required to do so. A school may, however, make individual-user options available to all students who voluntarily seek additional privacy." This statement from Title IX shows that public school have to allow transgender students to use the bathroom they identify with. But people are fighting against Title IX in Texas. In an article written by the [New York Times](#) it states, "Just days after the federal Department of Education in May issued sensible anti discrimination guidelines for accommodating transgender students, Texas' attorney general, Ken Paxton, set out to challenge them." This shows that there are people that don't agree with Title IX, but it's a very important document that protects transgenders rights. Fighting against Title IX is not a good idea because it opens a door for transgender teens to have their rights taken away. But most of all it takes away from a teen being with their friends. In one case recorded by a 17 year old transgender boy named [Dean](#) from Bakersfield, South Carolina . He takes online classes instead of going to a traditional campus. He stopped going to regular

high school because he was forced into girls' activities and bathrooms even though he is transgender and he lives as a boy in all other parts of his life. He wishes he could go back to traditional school because he misses being around other kids, going to school with his friends, and being able to join clubs and participate in activities on campus. So I propose a solution for this problem.

This problem can and should be fixed with not just help from teachers and principals but from state officials and the federal government. Educators in public schools should have to enforce this policy more frequently. State officials should check in on schools and make sure Title IX is being enforced properly. When Title IX is enforced it will be very helpful for transgenders. In one case a transgender boy named [Ashton](#) was assigned to a girl's gym class, but he lives as a boy. Ashton felt very uncomfortable and couldn't focus in his other classes. After Ashton learned about Title IX he and his parents talked to the administration and they put him in a boys gym class and he feels more comfortable. This shows that Title IX works when it is being enforced properly. Once this issue is addressed more issues involving transgender teens can be addressed.

In conclusion, transgender teens being able to use the bathroom they identify with is very important. This issue will affect a lot more teens in high school if this is not addressed. I appreciate if you do anything in your power to help with this issue affecting a lot of America's youth.