
From: Ed DeVilbiss <eddevilbiss@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2016 5:12 PM
Subject: Fwd: From the Desk of Senator Tim Scott--Recent Department of Education guidance on school restrooms.

Friends,

I thought you might be interested in this from a friend. It is good news as I support Tim Scott, but I was first concerned about what the letter could have been about. I should not have worried. If it had been a letter from another senator I might have been justified in worrying.

There are some good politicians left. Be sure to vote for the ones you support and agree with.

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From: Senator Tim Scott [mailto:donotreply@scott.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2016 2:01 PM
Subject: From the Desk of Senator Tim Scott



Thank you for contacting me with your concerns regarding the recent Department of Education guidance on school restrooms. I appreciate your input on this matter and the opportunity to share my thoughts with you.

As you may know, the Department of Education and the Department of Justice issued a Dear Colleague letter on May 13, 2015 which re-interpreted the meaning of "gender" under Title IX of the Education Amendments Act. The letter states that the Department of Education will withhold federal funding from any school that does not comply with their interpretation of Title IX. This new interpretation includes allowing students to use the bathroom of their choosing.

In response to their letter, I joined twenty four of my Senate colleagues in sending a letter to the Department of Education and Department of Justice expressing our concerns with this interpretation of Title IX. The letter states that these agencies do not have the right to issue "guidance" as if it were the law and then withhold Congressionally authorized funding from schools for violations. Furthermore, it clarifies that federal law does not

require schools to follow guidance issued by the Department of Education.

I believe that every student, regardless of race or gender, deserves the opportunity to learn in a safe and welcoming environment. Threats to withhold funding diminishes that opportunity and places our nation's poorest students at risk. This is yet another example of the Obama administration overstepping the role of the federal government. I believe that this issue is one that is best determined by states and school boards; not by the federal government.

Again, thank you for sharing your perspective with me; I hope that you will continue to do so in the future. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of my staff.

For more information, please visit my website at www.scott.senate.gov and subscribe to my monthly e-newsletter. I also encourage you to follow me on Facebook: www.facebook.com/SenatorTimScott and Twitter: www.twitter.com/SenatorTimScott for daily updates.

Sincerely,

Tim Scott
United States Senator

