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**From:** Missy Smith <mamsmith@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 15, 2016 7:53 AM  
**To:** Haley, Nikki  
**Subject:** Obama's latest proposed law and funding

Mrs. Haley,

I am writing to you to let my voice be heard among the many concerning the use of transgender preference in locker rooms and bathrooms in public schools. As a public school teacher for the last 27 years and as a mom of two daughters, the problems that can and will arise if this becomes law concern me greatly. When young ladies are in the restroom or changing in the locker room, they are at their most vulnerable.

President Obama was totally out of line legally and morally in holding financial grants from schools in an effort to push an LGBT agenda. While I do believe everyone has the right to a bathroom, we cannot and should not put our children at risk with this discussion of gender fluidity, personal preference and use of bathrooms, locker rooms, etc. Obama has opened the door for legal battles on both sides, chaos in the judicial system, taking away of states rights. This is a foundational issue that I urge you to fight, stand up for and defend the rights not just of a small, segregated group of people, but for our children and grandchildren who cannot fight for the safety, security and identity. Bathrooms are not about preferences and genders are not fluid. To say such is a lie against nature, God and any moral or ethic code.

*Melissa Cooke*