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Attorney General Letitia James
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Dear Attorney General James and Commissioner Rosa,

I write to you with grave concern over the joint statement issued by your offices entitled "Joint Statement of the Office of the Attorney General and the State Education Department Regarding Transgender Students' Rights." This statement not only shows New York parents and students that NYSED does not care to uphold their children's civil rights but also endangers federal funding for our local school districts. I implore you to reverse course, follow the law, and help protect female students and athletes throughout New York State.

As you know, on January 29, 2025, President Trump issued Executive Order 14190, entitled "Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling." This was quickly followed by President Trump's issuance of Executive Order 14201, entitled "Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports." These two executive orders prohibited the indoctrination of our students and the normalization of fringe ideologies and radical views on social transition. New York's promotion of these fanatical views on gender endangers our youth, by forcing women to compete against biological men in sports and even forcing them to use the same restroom or locker room. This upends the Title IX protections that women fought for generations to achieve.

In your joint statement, you make blatantly false claims regarding the authority of these executive orders. President Trump can, will, and frankly should, withhold federal funding from New York State school districts if you continue to refuse to comply with the commonsense requirements of Executive Orders 14190 and 14201. If this were to happen, this would undeniably be your fault for choosing extremist gender ideologies and the promotion of genital mutilation surgeries over New York State parents and students. As you continue to play politics with federal funding for New York State educational agencies, I hope you realize that your recklessness will be to the detriment of New York State parents and students.

I urge you to immediately reverse course and instead work to protect female students in New York State and stop indoctrinating students with these fringe ideologies on social transition. It is not only the moral imperative but also eliminates the risk of the President halting funds for New York State schools. I hope to see this reversal take place quickly, and I look forward to hearing from you

Sincerely,


Claudia Tenney
Member of Congress