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Bills that discriminate against transgender students violate both state and federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection. These bills would leave ALL girls AND boys AND all kids vulnerable to scrutiny and harassment.^[L] These bans empower schools to engage in policing adherence to gender norms, which unfairly scrutinizes girls' bodies, and have been shown to affect girls of color even more. These bans will cause fear, distrust, and confusion for students, families, and educators.^[SEP]