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LD 1704

I am a trans woman writing to express opposition to LD 1704 "An Act to Prohibit a School Administrative Unit from Adopting a Policy That Allows a Student to Use a Restroom Designated for Use by the Opposite Sex"

Trans people use bathrooms, as all people do. Urinals aside, you generally enter a private stall, do your business, and leave the stall fully dressed. As a trans woman who transitioned long after college, I have been in my fair share of men's rest rooms, and have used the urinal on occasion. In my 30+ years of experiencing men's bathrooms, do you know what I never saw once? The answer is: 'another persons genitals'. Unisex bathrooms exist as well, and work fine with no drama.

Who gets hurt by allowing transgender students access to the bathroom they feel aligned with? No one as far as I can tell. The only trouble I've heard of regarding trans people in bathrooms, in school or otherwise- is from cis people getting angry that a trans person is there. That is no fault of the trans person at all.

Please allow trans students to use their preferred bathroom. Schools should be a safe place for all students, including minorities.

I urge the committee to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 1704.