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Stop policing the bodies of young women! I am firmly opposed to discrimination against transgender people. Bills that discriminate against transgender students violate both state and federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection. As a parent, I know that these bills would leave ALL girls vulnerable to scrutiny and harassment.<sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub> These bans empower schools to engage in policing adherence to gender norms, which unfairly scrutinizes girls' bodies, and these bans have been shown to affect girls of color even more. These bans will cause fear, distrust, and confusion for students, families, and educators. Keep the state from policing the bodies of women!