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Dear Senators,

I can't believe it is necessary to have a bill like this but sadly it is. Our public schools have been infiltrated by a culture that is more concerned with how they feel than they are with facts. Children as young as middle school sometimes take overnight school trips. Certainly they do in high school. Parents assume their children are safe and supervised when they are at school or at a school function.

Teachers are mandatory reporters of child abuse. How is it then that we would find it permissible to put students of the opposite sex in a hotel room for the night? Who will be responsible if there is an incident? What if the only repercussion is the mental anguish of a girl who is afraid to speak out for fear of being bullied by the very teachers who are charged with protecting her?

As a victim of sexual abuse, I implore you to close this wide-open door. It's common sense. Don't make a girl have to go to court to prove she should've been protected. Don't wait for an attack on our girls. Don't wait for the public schools to consider whether or not they choose to protect our minor children in public schools. In this case, Eudora has not chosen to change their policy to protect this from happening again.

I was a teacher for 30 years. We had dress policies that prohibited vulgar language on shirts, provocative clothing or even distracting pink hair. We weren't discriminating or not being inclusive. We were providing an environment that was safe and conducive to learning. In a day and age where everyone wants to follow the science, let's do that. Let's use common sense and science and keep children with DNA that says one is a male and another is a female in safe environments that are conducive for their education not in hotel rooms together.

Thank you.

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