

April 10, 2023

The Honorable Assemblyman Muratsuchi
Chair, Assembly Education Committee
Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street Room 159
Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: Assembly Bill 1314 (Gender identity: parental notification)
As Amended March 9, 2023 – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Muratsuchi:

Moms for Liberty is an organization working diligently to see to it that parental rights are protected at all levels of government. We recognize that it is *parents* who are responsible for the raising, educating, nurturing, and protecting of their children, and that the bond that exists between parent and child is sacrosanct. So we write today in full support of Assembly Bill 1314 introduced by Assembly Members Essayli and Gallagher.

AB 1314, entitled **Gender identity: parental notification**, would provide "that a parent or guardian has the right to be notified in writing within 3 days from the date any teacher, counselor, or employee of the school becomes aware that a pupil is identifying at school as a gender that does not align with the child's sex on their birth certificate, other official records, or sex assigned at birth, using sex-segregated school programs and activities, including athletic teams and competitions, or using facilities that do not align with the child's sex on their birth certificate, other official records, or sex assigned at birth."

We need AB 1314, especially given that some California schools now believe that AB 1266 (which became law in 2014) created a policy which keeps the transition of a child a secret from parents. AB 1266 did *not* create such a policy, it merely establishes that "a pupil be permitted to participate in sex-segregated school programs and activities, including athletic teams, and use facilities consistent with the pupil's gender identity, irrespective of the gender listed on the pupil's records".

AB 1314 would create much needed guidance to keep parents / guardians informed if their child expresses a desire to identify at school as a gender which does not align with their sex (as stated on their birth certificate). Parents need to be kept informed of any struggles their child might be having vis-a-vis gender identity.

The Moms for Liberty organization stands as a strong advocate of transparency and parental engagement within California schools. We strongly believe that transparency and open communication between teachers, school administrators and parents are essential components of making the education of California's students a success.

We strongly urge a resounding yes vote on AB 1314.

Sincerely,

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