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Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my deep concern for our transgender youth who will struggle in schools in finding solace in a separate bathroom setting should this legislation pass. As an educator, I have seen many youths struggle to understand their identity, some pushed to the brink. In fact, data indicates that 82% of transgender individuals have considered killing themselves and 40% have attempted suicide, with suicidality highest among transgender youth. (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32345113/>)

Furthermore, **school belonging**, emotional neglect by family, and internalized self-stigma made a unique, statistically significant contribution to past 6-month suicidality. (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32345113/>) Students who are uncomfortable with the basic human need of going to the bathroom will be uncomfortable at school.

Please end this legislation now.

Sincerely,

Angie Moser