



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 8, 2024

Dear Chairman and Regents:

As I have already made clear, Texas will not comply with President Joe Biden's rewrite of Title IX that contradicts the original purpose and spirit of the law to support the advancement of women. Last week, I instructed the Texas Education Agency to ignore President Biden's illegal dictate of Title IX. Today, I am instructing every public college and university in the State of Texas to do the same.

The law passed by Congress was based on the fundamental premise that there are only two sexes—male and female. President Biden wants to force every school across the country to treat boys and men as if they were girls and women and to accept every student's self-declared gender identity, exceeding his authority as President in order to impose a leftist belief on the next generation.

I signed laws to ensure the safety of our students on campus and provide a process for adjudicating reports of sexual harassment and sexual assault with adequate due process for all parties involved, as well as laws to protect the integrity of women's sports by prohibiting men from competing against female athletes—and I will not let President Biden erase the advancements Texas has made. Texas will stand up not only to President Biden's rewrite of Title IX, but also his plans to destroy the legacy of women's collegiate sports.

Texas will fight to protect those laws, to protect Texas women, and to deny the President's abuse of authority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

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