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Victory for Women and Girls

Earlier this month, a federal judge granted our request for a preliminary injunction against the Biden Department of Education's new Title IX rules, which would transform the federal law into a prohibition against separate bathrooms, locker rooms, and other private spaces in education from elementary schools to colleges and universities and set up a framework to make female athletes compete with transgender athletes for spots on teams and awards in competitions. I brought the first lawsuit against this radical rule in April along with the Attorneys General for the States of Louisiana, Montana, and Idaho.

U.S. District Court Judge Terry Doughty issued the injunction, siding with plaintiff states and school districts, agreeing that the rule is unlawful. As Judge Doughty wrote, "the language, exemptions, legislative history, and prior regulations of Title IX demonstrates that Title IX was intended to prevent biological women from discrimination." He went on to note, "Allowing this would allow decades of triumphs for women and men alike to go down the drain...."

For more than fifty years, Title IX has given girls an opportunity to compete on a level playing field and offered them a fair chance to excel. This injunction is a victory for girls across Mississippi. I am proud to stand with my colleagues from Louisiana, Idaho, and Montana as we fight against the Biden administration's extremist political agenda and protect women's privacy, safety, and opportunity.



Protecting Pregnant Workers

Last week, a federal judge granted Mississippi a preliminary injunction against the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's (EEOC) attempt to hijack the protections of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. I joined Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill to file suit against the EEOC and their attempt to impose a national abortion regime.

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act is an important measure to support women in the workplace when they are pregnant and following childbirth. It is a shame that the Biden Administration is shortchanging the needs of working women in its single-minded drive to undo the *Dobbs* opinion and overrule the right of the people to make decisions about abortion policy. We appreciate the court's thoughtful opinion and look forward to working toward a commonsense implementation of the Act, which would accommodate pregnant women while respecting state laws to protect life.

Read the complaint [here](#).

Celebrating the Second Anniversary of *Dobbs*

[Earlier this week](#), we celebrated the second anniversary of the landmark *Dobbs* decision, and it is our responsibility to take up the task we asked the Court to give us: To find and employ new and better ways to empower women and promote life. The story did not end when *Roe* was overturned; rather it started a new chapter. Our mission is to advocate for and support women so that they and their children can thrive. This is what my [Empowerment Project](#) is about:

- Making quality childcare more affordable and accessible,
- Promoting workplace flexibilities,
- Improving child support enforcement,
- Fixing broken foster care and adoption systems, and
- Giving young mothers the resources, upskilling, and support they need for a healthy, flourishing family.

This is our call to action. It falls to all of us to empower women and promote life with laws that reflect our respect for the dignity of women, children, and life itself. I am grateful to the Mississippi Legislature, which has demonstrated a true commitment to this mission, passing a dozen proposals from my Empowerment Project agenda in just two years. I am proud of the impact we have made together, but I know that our job is not done. In the years to come, I will continue to advocate for the policies that empower and support women so that they can thrive.

May God bless you,



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