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August 23, 2023

Honorable Assembly Members Bill Essayli, James Gallagher, and Joe Patterson
1021 O Street, Suites 4520, 474, and 4530
Sacramento, CA 94249

Subject: AB 1314 - *OPPOSE*

Dear Assembly Members Essayli, Gallagher, and Patterson:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Freedom Party of California to strongly oppose Assembly Bill 1314.

This bill purports to be in favor of better communication between students and their parents. It entirely ignores the fact that such communication could in some cases be very detrimental to the student's well-being.

By giving the parents the right to require school employees to report students who choose not to identify with their birth gender it puts those school employees in the position of "outing" such students to their parents. If the student has not already discussed the matter with their parents, they may not be emotionally ready to do so, or they may rightly recognize that doing so would be in their best interest.

Requiring school employees to act as gender police is not a legitimate educational task and should not be imposed upon them.

Sugar coating this potentially harmful bill with words like "mutually supportive" and "respectful partners" does not mitigate the harm that could come from its enactment. Therefore, we strongly oppose AB 1314. To discuss our position on this bill please contact me at 916-207-4595 (mobile) or reigers@earthlink.net

Sincerely,

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