



**BULLETIN FOR LEGISLATORS REGARDING HB 6599: THE "BATHROOM BILL"**

Using the language of equality, fairness and discrimination, the supporters of this bill claim that it only seeks to prevent discrimination. Their insistence that the bill not contain common sense measures, such as preventing men- dressed as women, but sexually attracted to women - from using women's public bathrooms, showers, changing rooms and locker rooms, demonstrates otherwise. This type of amendment is included in Connecticut's current gender anti-discrimination laws. Why not this bill?

**HB6599 is TOO SUBJECTIVE AND VAGUE.** Terms such as "gender expression" and "gender identity" are subjective and vary by person to include such vagaries as "mannerisms." Nothing in the bill requires a person to outwardly express the gender they may internally sense in order to take advantage of this law. This means a man, who considers himself to be female, may use a women's restroom – EVEN IF HE IS NOT DRESSED, OR ONLY NOMINALLY DRESSED, AS A WOMAN. Women and families that object will be bigots under the law.

**HB6599 will permit men - sexually attracted to women, but dressed as women (or not) – to access women's public bathrooms, showers, changing rooms and locker rooms.** That is why the Family Institute of Connecticut Action has given it the name "Bathroom Bill." Transsexuals should not be confused with homosexuals. To be transsexual includes men that dress as women or may internally identify as women, *but are still sexually attracted to women*. Men – sexually attracted to women (with all the aggression and physical strength of men) – should not be permitted into women's public bathrooms.

**HB6599 takes away parental rights to object to cross-dressing persons teaching in the classroom.** "Gender expressions" can and do take the form of persons that express both genders at the same time (yes, heels and crew cut) – permanently. Not as a transitional phase, but as a permanent expression of self. The supporters of this bill reject any amendment that would permit parents or school boards to object to such behavior in the classroom– even by teachers of the very young. Or even regulate such behavior by the students. Parents, principals and School Board members that object will find themselves bigots under Connecticut law.

**HB6599 directly and indirectly increases the risk of violence and "peeping" in women's bathrooms.** Sexual predation and "peeping" are terrible crimes that well-intentioned legislators will exacerbate in Connecticut by inviting men into women's public bathrooms, showers, changing rooms and lockers. Regardless of whether they cross-dress or not, transgender or not – inviting *any man* into women's bathrooms invites more sexual predation and "peeping." This bill indirectly increases risks to women and girls by eroding society's natural aversion to men in women's bathrooms. Additionally, fear of legal reprisal will keep women and their protectors from objecting swiftly to signs of danger in women's bathrooms and showers.

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