

REPORT ON HR-1, THE EQUALITY ACT

This is not about equality. It is an extremely anti-religious freedom bill that strikes at the core of our religious, biblical beliefs.

- It makes “gender identity” a protected category of the Civil Rights Act
- It repeals the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 signed by President Clinton
- It makes abortion a federally protected civil right and requires funding of abortions through Medicaid and Medicare
- It is a serious encroachment on parental rights
- It endangers the Church by regulating hiring policies
- Churches, ministries may no longer hire personnel on the basis of the Church’s statement of faith and cannot refuse to hire an atheist or someone in a lifestyle contrary to our Biblical beliefs; if Church does, they will face government punishment
- It also prohibits employers and schools (including Christian schools) from making employment choices based on biology
- It obliterates women’s rights;
 - Scholarships, grants, small business loans, restrooms, and locker rooms can be used at will by any transgender men;
 - Churches will not be allowed to have separate bathrooms
 - Churches can no longer use their beliefs as a reason to refuse to perform a gay wedding; if they do, the Church will be subject to legal action.
 - The same applies to photographers, florists, bakeries - and to adoption agencies.

- Any man at any time can enter any women's restroom, locker room, dressing room or participate in women's sports simply by saying he's a woman
- It encourages the suppression of religious freedom and elevates the LGBTQ community over the Church;
 - It essentially gives the Church and Christians an ultimatum: Change your faith-based practices or face government punishment;
- It prohibits landlords for making rental decisions based on beliefs
 - This includes refusing to rent a room in your own house to someone who's lifestyle you disagree with based on your personal religious beliefs will be considered a criminal act.
- It will hurt your children in many ways:
 - It politicizes the medical community and obliterates parental rights,
 - It forces doctors against the parents' wishes to give children - no matter the age - transgender operations and puberty blockers if the child asks for it, even if the parents are opposed and want the child to at least wait until he/she is an adult.
 - The act says the doctor MUST comply with the child's wishes - 9-10 year olds Doctors are now required to do transgender operations on ANYONE including children or face legal action.
 - Example 1: Parents of a 17-year-old daughter in Ohio lost their parental rights because they refused to allow the girl to take hormone treatments.
 - Example 2: A Catholic hospital in Washington State was sued by the ACLU for refusing to perform a double mastectomy on a 16-year-old girl who claimed she was a boy
- New Suggested Medical Guidelines (not rules) would include:
 - Introducing social transitions in children as young as 4,
 - Providing puberty-blocking drugs as young as 11
 - Giving cross-sex hormones as young as 16

- Sex-reassignment surgery at 18
- Bill empowers the Federal government to punish citizens and medical professions who disagree with sexual orientation and gender identity ideology.

In Georgia, Pasha Thomas was forced to remove her five-year-old daughter from school after a transgender boy claiming to be a girl, assaulted the 5 year old in the school bathroom.

In Philadelphia, the city council published the need for 300 more foster homes to take in children, but halted the process because the Catholic agency working with the city insisted that the children needed a father and a mother.

Congressman Steve Scalise said: “This is the most invasive threat to parents’ rights that I have ever seen.”