



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

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Following the Supreme Court rulings in June, LGBTQ radicals in the U.S. House have reintroduced the misnamed "Equality Act." Democrats only need six Republicans to pass the greatest attack on our freedom that has ever come before Congress.

Already, every Democrat (212) in the U.S. House has signed on to co-sponsor HR 15. If this passes, everyone will be harmed. People of faith, including churches, religious schools, faith-based organizations, and more, will become "extremists" in the eyes of the law. — Mat

Dear Friend,

The misnamed "Equality Act" will target and attack everyone — especially religious people and institutions — with shocking, never-before-seen violations of freedom in America!

Congress is only a few votes away from passing the most outrageous and expansive bill ever to be introduced in Washington. Our best chance to stop it is in the U.S. House. Democrats are just six votes away from passing HR 15. Last year, 39 Republicans joined Democrats to pass the pro-LGBTQ bill misnamed the "Respect for Marriage Act." Joe Biden is now calling on Congress to pass the Equality Act so he can sign it into law.

This bill will be used to force every person to fall in line with the radical LGBTQ agenda. The choice will be to welcome and celebrate these sinful behaviors or face costly litigation.

The far-reaching impact of this bill can be best described in this short sentence: What you cannot do respecting race, you will not legally be able to do respecting LGBTQ. This bill explicitly targets religious freedom by removing the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) protections.

There are four MASSIVE consequences in this bill that we must fight!

ABORTION

First, if someone pressures or persuades a young girl to get an abortion, she will have no one to protect her from this life-and-death decision. The Equality Act will make abortion through all nine months a federal right. It will preempt every state law, including parental notification or consent and informed consent. The parents will have no say, nor will hospitals, health care workers, and pharmacists. Insurance

companies will not be able to refuse coverage, our taxes will fund the killing of innocent life, and ALL of our hard-fought pro-life victories will be for nothing.

If anyone listed above resists an abortion (including parents), they can be sued by the U.S. Department of Justice, private individuals, and organizations – including Planned Parenthood.

GENDER CONFUSION

Second, if a child becomes confused by the propaganda at school fueled by the Equality Act and thinks you can choose your sex like you choose your clothes, there will be no one to help them. The child can demand hormone-blocking drugs (stopping puberty), opposite-sex hormones, and even surgery to remove healthy body parts.

Again, the parents will have no say, nor will hospitals, health care providers, or pharmacists. Insurance and taxpayer funds will cover the expense. If the parents object, they could be charged with child abuse, and the child could be removed from the home. I am not exaggerating. This is already happening – even without the Equality Act.

COUNSELING

Third, if the child asks the parents for help to overcome unwanted same-sex attractions, behaviors, or gender confusion, there will be no one to help. The Equality Act will make it illegal to provide any such counsel to help overcome these unwanted attractions, behaviors, or confusion. In fact, this bill makes such counsel illegal for ALL AGES and for ANY COUNSEL – licensed and unlicensed – which includes pastoral counseling.

TOTAL PERVERSION

Fourth, HR 15 will require faith-based adoption and foster care ministries to place children in LGBTQ homes. And the "Q" encompasses nearly 550 paraphilias/perversions that I don't even want to start describing!

The activist group LGBTQ Nation wrote, "**the Q in LGBTQ can also signify other sexual orientations and gender not covered by the acronym's preceding letters. If you're gender-neutral, non-binary, agender, genderfluid, pansexual, asexual, solosexual or something else not covered by LGBT, the Q has got you covered!**" (emphasis added)

++ THIS BATTLE GETS PERSONAL

Two parents found out that the public school where their daughter attended hid from them the fact that the school referred their daughter for "gender transition" hormone-blocking drugs. The parents were never informed!

But it gets worse. When they discovered what was going on, they stepped in to protect their daughter. They stopped the hormone drugs and preparation for surgical removal of her breasts and female organs.

The local officials claimed that stopping this "care" amounted to "child abuse." Under the Equality Act, this tragic situation would become the norm.

If the Equality Act passes, getting loving care and professional help for children will be considered child abuse and illegal. Parents could be forced to choose between participating in their child's "gender-affirming care" – even being forced to encourage their child to take hormones and receive mutilating surgeries – and risking loss of their child.

If such children are removed from their home, under this bill, they can only be placed in homes that affirm LGBTQ behavior. The "Q" gives special privileges for "queer" children and adults, and it encompasses 550 different known sexual perversions ... including pedophilia. This means under this law, placement agencies and ministries will not be allowed to refuse placing children with a "minor-attracted person" (a pedophile).

I know this sounds impossible – but it is true. WE MUST STOP THIS BILL!

This law could force a gender-confused child out of a Christian home and in a few hours place the child under the control of a pedophile, and the parents will have no say.

++ THIS VICTORY REQUIRES YOUR VOICE

We must defeat this bill.

WE CAN STOP THIS BILL IN THE HOUSE. Sign the enclosed petition against HR 15 to key members of the U.S. House and rush it back with your support for our ministry.

Specifically, this bill will do all the following:

- >> Churches and religious organizations could be forced to host same-sex ceremonies or lose tax-exempt status for noncompliance.
- >> Cross-dressers could demand to be greeters, ushers, Sunday school teachers, and other roles in the church.
- >> Churches and religious schools would be forced to hire staff involved in LGBTQ conduct, even for visible positions of authority, and give them access to children, even inside restrooms.
- >> Churches and religious schools will lose tax exemption and accreditation if they do not bow to this radical agenda.
- >> If taking overnight trips with children, including sports or mission trips, schools or churches will not be able to separate people sleeping in the same room by biological gender.
- >> Religious schools would be forced to hire staff involved in the LGBTQ agenda and to use biologically false pronouns and assign biological males to the girls' dorms.

- >> Biological men will have access to women's restrooms, locker rooms, dressing rooms, showers, and nursing-mother rooms at any time, and they will be able to stay as long as they please.
- >> From kindergarten, children will be taught that they can choose their gender and will be encouraged to experiment with each other.
- >> Abortion up to birth will become a federal right and funded with taxpayer dollars.
- >> All abortion laws will be overturned by this bill.
- >> And too many other things to mention here.

Our best chance to stop this bill is in the U.S. House. This year, a victory will require every vote we can muster. Sign the enclosed petition against HR 15 now and include your best donation to help us represent your concerns against this bill.

Liberty Counsel Action was one of the first groups to expose the evils in the Equality Act, and by partnering together with your help, we can stop HR 15.

I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to stop HR 15. But we cannot win alone. We are fighting against one of the most well-funded lobby groups in American history.

You can support Liberty Counsel Action with a monthly donation or a one-time gift. Our Challenge Grant will DOUBLE the impact of your gift.

Finally, please join me in resolute prayer for America's future. I appreciate your faithful support.

For freedom,



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P.S. Sign the enclosed petition to urge Congress to block HR 15.

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