

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Attorney General Chris Koster
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Dear Attorney General Koster:

It has come to our attention that Missouri has failed to join the 11-state federal lawsuit over the Administration's transgender bathroom guidance. We are deeply concerned with the implications of this new federal directive and believe that federal funding should not be tied to compliance with this guidance. Decisions like these should be left up to state and local governments, without the fear of losing federal dollars.

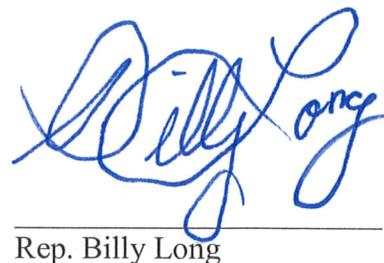
You issued a statement on *G.G. v. Gloucester County School Board* stating you "intend to support the ability of Missouri school districts to form lawful policy on this issue at the local level." We encourage you to apply a consistent approach in order to reduce federal overreach into decisions best left for states and local school districts.

The Founding Fathers believed in a division of power between the states and the federal government, whereby the states would not have to fear the oppressive power of a centralized government. The Obama Administration's recent use of executive power to supplant the transgender bathroom policy upon the states disregards this division of power and makes the fear of our Founding Fathers' a reality. Our students deserve a customized approach to their education, not a one-size-fits-all mandate.

For this reason, we strongly urge you to do what is best for our students by adding Missouri to the 11-state federal lawsuit. Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,


Rep. Jason Smith


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