

TRANSGENDER FREEDOM ALLIANCE - RECOMMENDED MESSAGES

OVERALL FRAMING

- More than ever, Americans are working hard to make ends meet. We need real solutions to the problems we're facing, not politicians stirring up divisions for their own political gain.
- So while certain politicians are focused on creating a big panic around transgender kids...
- I'm focused on raising incomes and lowering everyday costs for working families.

HEALTHCARE

- Healthcare decisions for a young person who is transgender should be made by parents and doctors, who know the situation best – not politicians.
- *If pressed:* Banning doctors from providing healthcare to transgender young people would have serious unintended consequences – including banning young people from accessing mental health care to help them with what they're going through and help them understand who they are.
- *If pressed on regret:* The decision to seek transgender-related medical care is not something that anyone – whether young OR an adult – is able to rush into. The expert medical standards require extensive screening, doctor's visits and counseling. It would be impossible for a person to decide they want to transition one day and make an irreversible decision the next.

HEALTHCARE AND REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

- We all deserve the freedom to make decisions about our lives, futures, and families.
 - But certain politicians are taking away our freedoms. They're banning abortion, and banning parents from making healthcare decisions about their own children.
 - The politicians behind these attacks don't support freedom – their agenda is control.

FORCED OUTING

- Most parents know their kids would come to them if they needed help.
- And we all want kids to be safe. Unfortunately though, not all kids live in homes where healthy communication happens, and some transgender teens are afraid of getting kicked out of their homes, beaten, or worse.
- We should not force teachers to knowingly put those kids in danger and violate that trust they build with their students.
- My focus is making sure our schools are funded, and every child has access to high quality education and the mental health resources they need – not passing more laws about transgender kids.

BATHROOMS

- Politicians are trying to make an issue out of transgender people using a bathroom to score political points and scare people.
- While they're focused on who is using what bathroom, we should be focused on lowering costs, addressing crime, and getting our economy back on track.
- *If pressed:* These bans will just create more confusion, and are impossible to enforce. They would force transgender people who have already transitioned, and look like the gender they transitioned to, to use the restroom of their birth gender. This will just cause more confusion and discomfort for everyone.

SPORTS

- Local schools and sports associations should be handling this issue, not politicians.
- We need elected officials focused on solutions to real problems like lowering everyday costs for working families.

NUMBER OF GENDERS

- As we all know, the vast majority of people identify as either male or female.
- For a few people, their situation is more complicated. I'm not a scientist, but I do know that for that small number of people, their experience of gender is different.
- The important thing is that every American, no matter their gender, is respected and protected the same as every other American.

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