



Resolution

Calling on Legislators to Oppose and Defeat the So-Called Equality Act

- WHEREAS** The so-called Equality Act, as currently written, has a number of provisions that are opposed by the Christian communicators represented by the NRB. Regardless of intent, if the law is passed as written it will most assuredly be used as a cudgel against churches, religious schools and colleges, and other religious organizations;
- WHEREAS** Among the many troubling provisions in this bill would be the right for a male to use restrooms and locker rooms intended for women and young girls merely by the male expressing that he considers himself to be of the female gender; by that same method a male could compete against women in athletics, thus nullifying the protections afforded to women by Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- WHEREAS** The Equality Act also gives government broad new powers to force their viewpoints onto churches, religious schools and colleges, and religious organizations such as those represented by NRB; by labeling churches and religious schools and colleges "public accommodations", they would have to accept the government's beliefs and mandates about sexual orientation and gender identity; additionally churches, religious schools and colleges, and religious organizations could not require employees, members or students to adhere to their tenets of faith if the tenets do not align with government policy regarding sexual orientation and gender identity;
- WHEREAS** If anyone doubts the potential detrimental effect on such religious entities, note that the Equality Act states: "The Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 shall not provide a claim concerning, or a defense to a claim under, a covered title, or provide a basis for challenging the application or enforcement of a covered title."
- THEREFORE** Be it Resolved that the NRB calls upon the members of the United States Congress to protect, preserve and defend the religious liberty rights of Americans guaranteed by our Constitution and Bill of Rights by opposing and defeating the so-called Equality Act.