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The Hon. Dan Patrick  
Lieutenant Governor of Texas  
Texas State Senate  
Austin TX

Dear Lt. Governor Patrick

We are writing you to express our personal support for Texas S.B. 3, which requires a multi-occupancy restroom, shower, and changing facility of a political subdivision, including a public school, or a charter school, to be designated for use by persons of the same sex as stated on their birth certificate.

As religious leaders with concern for the welfare of our communities all over this great country, and the institution of marriage as a fundamental agency of a healthy and flourishing society, we believe the promotion of sexual identity based upon subjective feelings alone undermines the common good. As Christians, we believe in the Biblical “given” of gender as male or female as God has made us (Gen. 1:27). Recent attempts by activists to mandate open restrooms in schools and public facilities to those who identify themselves as transgender has exposed children and their parents to sexual chaos in which anyone can now claim to be whatever gender they wish on any given day. This alone certainly undermines the common good and potentially even the safety of our children.

Many months ago, we joined Christian leaders all over this country in their outrage at attempts by the then Mayor of Houston to force open access public restrooms on behalf of those who identify themselves as transgender. Her heavy-handed tactics included attempts to intimidate religious leaders in Houston who opposed her efforts, as we did, by demanding they turn over their sermons opposing such actions. Thankfully, the Texas Attorney General intervened to quash such an obvious effort to prevent Freedom of Religious expression.

We believe S.B. 3 is a reasonable response to a minority of people who suffer from gender dysphoria, and whose attempts to change their sexual identity even by surgery have proven to be both unsuccessful and to lead to further depression and even suicide. This is not an expression of the common good, nor even the best, for society at large. S.B. 3 sets reasonable limitations that will protect the majority and the common good of society—especially the welfare of our children and families as essential building blocks for a flourishing society.

Respectfully yours,



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