

DECLINE TO SIGN I-1552

Tell Signature Gatherers NO to Discrimination and I-1552



I-1552 is harmful, ineffective, and unenforceable.

HARMFUL

I-1552 would repeal Washington State's long-standing legal protections from discrimination for transgender people. **Transgender people deserve the same basic protections as everyone else** – to go to work, school, and live their lives using public facilities with safety, privacy and dignity. Life is hard enough, let's not make it worse for anyone. I-1552 invites more harassment and bigotry, and won't make any of us any safer.

INEFFECTIVE

Repealing non-discrimination protections won't do anything to improve safety. There have not been any increases in public safety incidents in gender-segregated areas since the law went into effect. Harassment and indecent exposure in bathrooms are already crimes. Law enforcement, sexual assault prevention groups and the YWCA oppose I-1552 because it does nothing to make us safer.

UNENFORCEABLE

I-1552 violates principles of freedom and liberty at the most personal level. It will be difficult to enforce without **infringing on everyone's right to bodily privacy**. I-1552 will increase confrontations, making going to the bathroom a more harrowing experiences. Any of us could be subjected to self-appointed restroom cops demanding to see body parts before allowing access to the facilities.



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Briana (center) says I-1552 would single out transgender people like her for discrimination and privacy violations.



Meghan (top right) says I-1552 would do nothing to make her family safer and could endanger her transgender daughter, Maya (bottom right).

DECLINE TO SIGN I-1552 BECAUSE...

- > **I-1552 goes against Washington State's values of liberty and freedom for all** by singling out one group for discrimination. No one should fear for their safety because of the color of their skin, what language they speak or how they identify. Hate must not beget hate, violence must not beget violence. We need more love, respect and kindness, and less fear, intimidation, and discrimination.
- > **I-1552 is bad for business, and our state.** After North Carolina passed a similar law, the state lost \$600 million in revenue as PayPal, the NBA and others canceled plans to relocate or hold events there. It was so damaging to the state's economy and reputation that the legislature quickly repealed most of it. Washington State is better than that.

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