

Families Advocating for Campus Equality

INSTRUCTIONS and TEMPLATE

for SUBMITTING COMMENTS TO THE Department of Education Office for Civil Rights on the PROPOSED TITLE IX RULES

Please note that the title to every Comment submission should include the **name of the regulation**, the **docket letter and number** and the **RIN number** assigned to the proposed regulations, as well as the **Federal Register site** where they are published.

Here is what you should insert at the top of your Comment:

Comment on Proposed Title IX Rulemaking

Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

Docket No. ED-2021-OCR-0166-0001, RIN 1870-AA16

Federal Register Number 2022-13734

Here is the Link to write in or submit your comment: https://www.regulations.gov/document/ED-2021-OCR-0166-0001

Though OCR prefers any attachments be submitted in Microsoft Word format, if you wish to submit your Comment as a PDF, please be sure it is in "print-to-PDF" or some other searchable text format.¹ Please do *not* submit the PDF in a scanned format.

Note that the following Template is simply a general guideline – your Comment can be a brief as a paragraph or as long as you'd like.

THANK YOU!

Cynthia P Garrett and Alison Scott, *Co-Presidents* Families Advocating for Campus Equality

Questions? contact@facecampusequality.org

¹ Using a print-to-PDF format allows the Department to electronically search and copy certain portions of your submissions to assist in the rulemaking process." - Federal Register / Vol. 87, No. 132 / Tuesday, July 12, 2022 / Proposed Rules

COMMENT TEMPLATE FOR PROPOSED TITLE IX RULES

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the new proposed rule, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance.

FIRST: Introduce yourself in 1-2 sentences, explaining:

- Why you are interested in the regulation.
- Highlight any experience that may distinguish your comment from others.
- Explain on whose behalf you are commenting: your own, another person or organization, and if you are endorsing or joining with another commenter.

I would like to ... [raise concerns regarding / inform you of new information regarding / provide supporting evidence for / express my support for] ... the Department of Education's proposed rules for Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, as published in the Federal Register on July 11, 2022.

<u>SECOND</u>: Identify the issues on which you are commenting (see <u>HERE</u> for an issue list and comparison of the 2020 Rules vs. the Proposed Rules with Rule section numbers

- List your recommendations up front.
- If you are commenting on a particular section, word or phrase, state this clearly and provide
 the relevant <u>section</u> number, <u>page</u> number, and <u>paragraph</u> citation (this information is
 provided in the above link) from the official Federal Register PDF of the proposed
 regulations.
- Please do not feel as though you need to address every issue it may be more impactful to focus on just a few issues (or even one) relevant to your experience.

<u>THIRD</u>: For each issue you've identified above, be sure to share any personal experiences or examples of a school's fair, unfair and/or inequitable treatment of parties in Title IX sexual misconduct proceedings. Your experiences and examples are critical to illustrating why the status quo or proposed rules are acceptable or unacceptable:

<u>LAST</u>: "Thank you" for the opportunity to submit comments to, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance.

SIGNED:

Your name (if desired)

OR

Anonymous or a Pseudonym (if you have any concern about revealing your name) Location (helpful but not necessary)