

# DECLINE TO SIGN I-1552

## Tell Signature Gatherers NO to Discrimination and I-1552



*I-1552 would repeal Washington's decade old protections against discrimination for our transgender friends and family members.*

## HOW WOULD I-1552 BRING DISCRIMINATION TO WASHINGTON STATE?

- > **Allows places of public accommodation – including businesses – to discriminate** by banning transgender people from using gender-segregated facilities that are consistent with who they are.
- > **Interferes with local control**, preventing voters, cities and counties from passing or enforcing ordinances or policies protecting transgender people from discrimination in gender-segregated facilities.
- > **Allows authorities to ignore legally-changed birth certificates and government-issued documents**, potentially requiring transgender people to submit to invasions of privacy just to use the appropriate restroom.
- > **Requires our public schools to discriminate** against transgender students by denying them the use of restrooms that are consistent with who they are. And it **opens the floodgates to unnecessary lawsuits** by encouraging K-12 students to sue schools for a minimum of \$5,000 every time they encounter a transgender student in gender-segregated facility.



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

## WHY DECLINE TO SIGN I-1552?



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

- > **Goes against Washington State's values of liberty and freedom for all** by singling out our transgender friends and family members for discrimination.
- > **Causes economic hardship** on Washington, driving away hundreds of millions each year in conventions, tourism, and new business. North Carolina's economy has lost an estimated \$600 million since a similar law, HB2, went into place last year (Source: Forbes).
- > **Hurts our public school budgets** by opening up the doors to costly litigation and lawyers' fees.
- > **Would do nothing to keep us safe.** In Washington, and the more than 200 cities and 17 states with these same protections against discrimination, transgender people have been protected from unfair discrimination with no increase in public safety incidents as a result. (Source: National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Women)
- > **Encourages confrontation and invasion of everyone's privacy** by encouraging strangers to confront and question each other in restrooms.

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