

Protect Every Child Vote NO on I-001 & I-638



Choose compassion over fear. Protect every student's safety, privacy, dignity, and opportunity to thrive.

Faith Action Network has endorsed the No Hate in WA State campaign, a statewide coalition working to defeat ballot initiatives I-001 and I-638, because they would remove common-sense protections for child abuse victims and put girls at greater risk of harm. FAN urges Washington voters to vote NO on I-001 and NO on I-638. Nurses, doctors, mental-health professionals, educators, violence-prevention advocates, civil-rights organizations, and faith communities are standing together for safer schools and the dignity of every child.

Our moral test is simple: will these policies help vulnerable children feel safe enough to seek help, or will it make them feel more isolated?

I-001 and I-638 fail that test.

Instead of allowing schools to respond thoughtfully to each child's circumstances, these initiatives impose rigid rules that could expose private information, exclude transgender students, subject girls' bodies to scrutiny, and place already vulnerable young people at greater risk of harm.

I-001 Harming Child Abuse Victims

Parents and guardians are vital partners in children's lives, but not every home is safe. Schools need discretion to protect students experiencing abuse, sexual violence, bullying, family rejection, homelessness, or other dangers.

- I-001 could weaken safeguards for sensitive student records.
- Forced disclosure may discourage students from seeking help from counselors, teachers, and nurses.
- The No Hate campaign warns it could give an abusive parent access to a child's private information.

Our faith traditions affirm that families are central to children's lives. Initiatives affecting students should also preserve appropriate safeguards for their safety, privacy, and well-being.

I-638 Subjecting Girls to Invasive Genital Exams to Play Sports

Girls' sports deserve equal opportunity, strong funding, safe facilities, fair coaching, and freedom from harassment. I-638 does not solve these inequities; it targets transgender girls while subjecting all girls to suspicion.

- Nearly 200,000 Washington girls could face invasive physical verification requirements.
- Fewer than 1% of girls in after-school sports are transgender.
- Low-income, rural, Black, brown, and immigrant girls could face the greatest barriers.

Our faith traditions affirm that every person is sacred. Fairness cannot be built on humiliation, exclusion, or fear.

Our Shared Values Call us to a Better Way

DIGNITY

Every child is sacred.

SAFETY

Trusted adults must be able to protect vulnerable students.

BELONGING

Schools should welcome, not single out, children.

JUSTICE

Policy must reduce harm— not deepen it.

As people of faith and conscience, we are called to protect those who are vulnerable, resist discrimination, and affirm the dignity of every person.

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