



44th Legislative District Democrats

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Resolution 2026-05: Opposing and Condemning Initiatives IL26-001, The Repeal of the Safety Act, and IL26-638, Putting Girls At Risk

WHEREAS, the 44th Legislative District Democrats believe every student in Washington deserves safety, dignity, privacy, and equal access to education. Our schools must be places where young people can learn and seek support without fear of retaliation, harassment, or abuse; and

WHEREAS, Initiatives IL26-001 and IL26-638, promoted by Let's Go Washington, are part of a politically driven effort that targets vulnerable students, including immigrant, neurodivergent, homeless, and LGBTQ+ youth. These initiatives distract from real problems facing Washington families, including affordability, housing, and access to care; and

WHEREAS, IL26-001 would increase the risk of harm to students by forcing school staff to disclose sensitive information to parents or guardians even when a student may not be safe at home. It would create forced outing of LGBTQ+ students and restrict access to trusted teachers and school counselors when students need help related to abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, or mental health; and

WHEREAS, IL26-001 would also invite disruption in classrooms by empowering a small number of extremist actors to interfere with what educators can teach. This undermines students' freedom to learn and could expose schools to costly litigation and intimidation campaigns; and

WHEREAS, IL26-638 is a poorly designed blanket ban that risks subjecting girls and young women to invasive scrutiny and invasive examinations of their bodies and genitalia as a condition of participating in school sports. It undermines privacy and safety, discourages participation, and disproportionately harms Black and brown students, immigrant students, low-income students, and rural families who already face barriers to health care access; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 44th Legislative District Democrats strongly oppose and unequivocally condemn Initiatives IL26-001 and IL26-638. These initiatives endanger students, undermine public education, and fuel discrimination under the false pretense of “parental rights” and “fairness”; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 44th Legislative District Democrats condemn any and all signatures, signature gathering efforts, organizational support, financial support, and public promotion of Initiatives IL26-001 and IL26-638. We call on all Washingtonians to reject them when they appear on the ballot; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the 44th Legislative District Democrats call on elected leaders and community members to focus on real solutions that protect children and strengthen public schools. Washington must expand mental health supports, keep students safe at school and at home, and uphold the rights of women, the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, racially discriminated groups, and all communities facing discrimination.