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FEDERAL JUDGE BLOCKS OBAMA’S SWEEPING TRANSGENDER POLICY
Wisconsin is part of lawsuit initiated by Texas

Madison – Today a Texas federal judge stopped the enforcement of Obama’s “bathrooms” edict, which, among other things, would have forced Wisconsin schools to allow boys into girls’ bathrooms, shower rooms and locker rooms. Earlier this summer, at the direction of Governor Scott Walker and Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel, Wisconsin joined this lawsuit.

This past May, President Obama’s administration sent a [non-binding letter to schools across the nation](#) with only a thinly veiled threat to take away Title IX funding if schools do not adopt the administration’s rule to allow boys into girls’ showers, locker rooms, bathrooms and vice versa. Included in the directive is allowing boys to play on girls’ sports teams and girls’ on the boys’ teams, as well as urging faculty and staff to use “appropriate” pronouns when addressing transgendered students.

A total of 23 states are suing the Obama administration because of the dangerous guidelines and the gross overreach of the federal government into the right of states and individual school districts to self-govern, especially in the area of education. Today’s ruling can be found here: <http://wifamilyaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Harold-ISR-PI-Order-8.21.16.pdf>

Recently, [the U.S. Supreme Court weighed in on the issue](#) by implementing a temporary hold on a ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit that would have forced a Virginia school district to implement a school bathroom policy that forces schools to allow boys into girls’ restrooms.

Wisconsin Family Action president Julaine Appling commented, “We are thankful Governor Walker and Attorney General Brad Schimel had Wisconsin join this lawsuit and are pushing back against this gross federal overreach. Our state and our schools should have every right to implement policies that protect the privacy rights of all students.”

This past legislative session, Wisconsin Family Action worked with legislators to introduce legislation that would protect the privacy rights of all students, not give a select few special rights and privileges. Unfortunately, that bill did not pass. However, lead authors Rep. Jesse Kremer (R-Kewaskum) and Sen. Steve Nass (R-Whitewater) have said they will return with a similar effort in the new session.

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