

Hello everyone. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak at this hearing today.

My name is Bradie, I'm 14 years old, and I'm just starting high school. A little bit about me, I was raised Catholic, I went to a Catholic school, was baptized, and made my first communion in the Catholic church. Then, at the age of 7, during the second grade, I was told I would no longer be welcome at the school. Because I am transgender. So after being thrown out of the school I attended since preschool, I went to public school.

Finally, I was able to be recognized as who I am and was able to use the bathroom I'm supposed to use and be treated like every other girl, because I am one. It felt nice to be seen as who I truly am. Now, you want to put me back in the boy's bathroom?

Do I look like a boy?

I was already thrown out of the Catholic school. So, where are transgender kids like me supposed to go? And now public school and I repeat, PUBLIC SCHOOL, wants to put me in the boy's bathroom.

How uncomfortable and unsafe would I be in the boy's bathroom? VERY!!!

I already get talked about, and this is just another way to other trans kids.

Who is going to start checking to see who is transgender and who isn't?

Will there be genital police at schools?

Are we going to start checking everyone's private parts to see if they are what you think they should be?

How do you plan on doing this?

Do you know how dangerous it is for me in the bathroom?

I am the one looking around to make sure no one notices me and starts a problem. Let me assure you the only thing that is happening in the girls bathroom is peeing, vaping, lip glossing, or arguing. Transgender people ARE NOT the problem. Societies' lack of education on the transgender community is the real problem.