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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Expresses Its Strong Disappointment in the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision in *G.G. v. Gloucester County School Board*

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights expresses its strong disappointment in the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision to grant an emergency order blocking the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals' order in *G.G. v. Gloucester County School Board*. The 4th Circuit order, if enforced, would allow transgender boy Gavin Grimm to use the boys' restroom in his Virginia school.

The Commission has been vocal in support of transgender youth being allowed to use the restroom facilities in their schools based on their gender identities. We have also strongly supported the U.S. Department of Education's Guidance to school districts nationwide on the issue of access to facilities by transgender students which stands for this same proposition.¹

We note the stay order is only temporary to allow the Virginia School Board to file an appeal before the Supreme Court when it returns from its recess.

Commission Chairman Martin R. Castro stated, "The rights of our transgender youth in schools throughout our nation have quickly become one of the defining civil rights issues of the day. The Commission will continue to be a strong voice to ensure that the rights of transgender youth are protected vigorously by the federal government."

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¹ [Http://www.usccr.gov/press/2016/PR_StatementofSupportforED-DOJJointGuidance.pdf](http://www.usccr.gov/press/2016/PR_StatementofSupportforED-DOJJointGuidance.pdf). N.p., 20 June 2016. Web. 02 Aug. 2016.