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League commends Grandfather: Expresses Concern

Paul Melanson has reason to be concerned. His grandson attends an elementary school where a ten-year-old boy is using the girls' bathroom. He has taken action. While his actions may have been disconcerting to many people we commend him for both his concern, and the creative deeds of both himself, and his grandson. Support for the privacy of the student and the family is leading public officials, including the police, to make some profound errors.

Mr. Melanson told his grandson to use the girls' bathroom whenever he saw the other ten-year-old boy using it. Melanson reasons that the same anti-discrimination laws that are likely to be used to justify one boy's use of the girls' bathroom may also be used to justify his grandson's use of the same bathroom.

His reasoning is sound. Nevertheless, he has been told by school administrators, and the local police, that his grandson cannot use the girls' bathroom. The administration persists in allowing only one boy to use the girls' bathroom at the Asa Adams Elementary School.

Mr. Melanson has asked the school board to produce their written policy on bathroom usage by transgendered children, or any children for that matter. While they have not produced a policy for Mr. Melanson they have allowed the intensity of the discrimination against his grandson to increase. Melanson fears the school may expel him.

Profound matters that concern all Maine people rest at the root of this controversy.

For example, does God and nature determine gender, or do individuals decide that? If individuals decide what gender they are then how is that decision related to the way their bodies are designed? Do our physical bodies matter? Is gender simply a reality of the mind? Should little girls be going to the bathroom next to little boys in elementary school? Should the girls' bathrooms in our public schools have urinals? Is there any difference at all between girls and boys? Should adults be allowed to decide the gender of biological males who are in their care? Do parents have the right to decide that a biologically male child should be raised as a girl? Will elementary school shower rooms now be coed?

The reign of tyrannical political correctness is making us mad.

We thank God for one courageous grandfather. Thank you, Paul Melanson, for taking a stand for common sense.