



Southeastern Legal Foundation Files Brief Urging Supreme Court To Stop California's Gender Transition Policies

[Jan. 21, 2026] **Southeastern Legal Foundation (SLF)**, recently filed a [Supreme Court amicus brief](#) with other organizations supporting families and teachers standing up to California's unconstitutional and outrageous gender transition policies. The state requires schools to hide children's gender transitions from their parents. In one instance, the concealment went so far that one family did not know their daughter was undergoing a gender transition until she attempted to commit suicide. Together with 64 organizations, SLF is supporting parents and teachers asking the Supreme Court for an emergency order stopping California from imposing its dangerous policies any longer.

The group of parents and teachers, represented by Thomas More Society, have asked California and their school districts for religious exemptions from being forced to comply with the state's gender policies. Some parents even expressly requested that their children's schools notify them about their children's requests to change genders. But their requests have gone ignored, forcing them to turn to the Supreme Court for help.

SLF argues in its brief that parents are in charge of their children's upbringing, not schools. And just this past year, the Supreme Court affirmed in *Mahmoud v. Taylor* that parents have the fundamental right to raise their children as they see fit. Yet schools across America continue to hide children's gender transitions from their parents, with courts divided on the issue.

SLF writes, "Time and again parents, teachers, and even school districts themselves have brought challenges to school gender transition policies. Now, the Supreme Court has a duty to grant certiorari and rule on the merits for parental rights."

SLF President Kimberly Hermann states, "Parents are sick and tired of states and school districts insisting that they know how to raise their children better than their own parents do. Too many families are being torn apart by radical and unconstitutional gender policies like California's, and it's time the Supreme Court intervene."

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