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Dear Parents of Transgender Students in Monroe Public Schools,

PFLAG Monroe is here to stand by you and your children. We see the bullying your children are suffering at the hands of local politicians, some of whom were elected to the school board to protect and serve all young people of this community. Like you, we know that transgender athletes are extremely rare in the state of Michigan. Like you, we know that it isn't really about sports or keeping anyone safe, but is instead about creating a hostile environment that will make our children too afraid to be their authentic selves. Like you, we know that the rhetoric being spouted at our children encourages their peers and classmates to treat them as "other," or as a "problem." Like you, we know that this rhetoric is itself a form a violence that threatens the lives of our children, and all transgender people, every single day.

We want you to know that we celebrate your children for who they are, and we admire them for being brave enough to be true to themselves. We also admire you for standing by them and doing everything you can to protect them from the bullies in their schools and in the community, fellow students and adults alike.

We know that you are worried about what this scapegoating political climate is doing to your children. We know because we have the same worries for ours. We know that those spreading false and hateful rhetoric create a toxic environment that justifies bullying and encourages self-doubt, self-harm, and even suicide. Like you, we stay up at night worrying that our children will pay the ultimate price, either at their own hands or at those of someone driven to violence by the misleading and hateful rhetoric.

Although we are all worried and fighting hard to protect our loved ones, it is important that we not feel isolated and alone. We want you to know that we see you, we value you and your beautiful and brave children, and we are here if you need us. We also want you to know that there are other members of the board and the school administration who take seriously their promise to protect all of our children. As Monroe county parents and allies, we pledge to do our part to help keep your children safe.

You are welcome to join us at any time, and we encourage you to call on us when you need allies. There is strength in numbers, and there are many of us out here. We are not going away, and we will always stand by our children and yours.

In solidarity,

Your Friends at PFLAG Monroe