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Dear Members of the Fairfax County School Board:

I am writing you today as a Fairfax resident and a Unitarian Universalist. I am writing in regards to Policy 1450. I support the inclusion of "gender identity" in the nondiscrimination policy for Fairfax County Public Schools.

As a Unitarian Universalist, I live by a set of principles and the first one is to "affirm the inherent worth and dignity of all human beings." This policy does that. Forty-one percent of transgender and gender non-conforming people will attempt suicide. We can prevent many of those suicides by creating safe and accepting spaces where those who are transgender and gender non-conforming can thrive.

Some will say that changing this policy to include transgender and gender non-conforming individuals will put their peers at risk. To date, there has never been a case of a transgender person hurting another person in a bathroom. Meanwhile, using the bathroom can be risky for transgender and gender non-conforming people; many are bullied and emotionally and physically assaulted.

I urge you to protect our transgender and gender non-conforming students and employees and pass Policy 1450.6. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,		
Print Name & Sign	Home Address	
Personal note:		

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