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ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN JOINS 17 STATES IN SUPPORT OF TRANSGENDER STUDENT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Madigan & Attorneys General File Amicus Brief in G.G. v. Gloucester County School Board before Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals

Chicago — Attorney General Madigan today joined a coalition of 18 attorneys general in filing an amicus brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, in support of a transgender student – known as G.G. – who is suing the Gloucester County School Board for discrimination.

In March, the U.S. Supreme Court remanded the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, which will hear the case and determine whether the Gloucester County School Board's policy prohibiting transgender boys and girls from using restrooms that other boys and girls use discriminates against transgender students on the basis of sex, in violation of Title IX.

Madigan and the attorneys general argue in the amicus brief that ensuring the civil rights of transgender people – including allowing them access to the restrooms consistent with their gender identity – benefits all people and does not create a public safety or personal privacy threat or impose any meaningful financial burden. The attorneys general also argue that the Gloucester County School Board's policy violates Title IX by denying transgender boys and girls access to the same common restrooms other boys and girls may use and discriminates against transgender students on the basis of sex.

"If entities receiving Title IX funds are allowed to discriminate in this way, transgender people will be denied equality in defendant's schools and in many other places. The amici States have important interests in ensuring that their transgender populations do not experience indignity and discrimination when they travel to other States," the brief states.

Joining Madigan in filing today's amicus brief were attorneys general from: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

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