

March 6, 2026  
Assembly Member Castillo  
1021 O Street, Suite 4240  
P.O. Box 942849

Re: Support for AB 1998

Dear Assembly Member Castillo:



On behalf of tens of thousands of constituents, allied organizations, and more than 2,000 churches across California, California Family Council is proud to endorse AB 1998, a bill that would make a slight change to the Unruh Civil Rights Act, so that “intimate spaces” such as bathrooms, locker rooms, showers, and changing rooms are segregated on the basis of biological sex and not gender identity.

The right to bodily privacy in intimate spaces is not a matter of cultural preference; it is a constitutionally recognized interest rooted in the right to privacy enshrined in Article I, Section 1 of the California Constitution. Women and girls possess a legitimate and legally cognizable privacy interest in spaces where they undress, shower, or attend to personal bodily functions without exposure to individuals of the opposite biological sex.

There are real stories of women and girls feeling vulnerable and unsafe in spaces meant to protect privacy. In one incident at a YMCA in San Diego County, a 17-year-old girl encountered a male in the women’s locker room shower and was left frightened. At the Santee City Council meeting, she recounted how the YMCA staff disregarded her concerns, stating that the man was legally allowed to be in the bathroom. Other widely publicized news articles have highlighted similar instances of men who identify as transgender, upsetting females in their intimate spaces.

1. Exclusive: WiSpa Suspect Not Guilty on All Nine Counts of Indecent Exposure
2. Trans gymgoer caught ‘masturbating’ in women’s bathroom at California Planet Fitness
3. Meet Tish Hyman, the California Lesbian Fighting To Keep Men Out Of Women’s Locker Rooms

These instances should outrage us. Male and female physiology are objectively distinct, and those distinctions are precisely why sex-separated intimate spaces were created in the first place. By clarifying the law and restoring protections based on biological sex in areas where people have a reasonable expectation of privacy, AB 1998 brings clarity and peace of mind to countless Californians who simply want to use bathrooms, locker rooms, and similar facilities without fear of their privacy being violated.

For these reasons, California Family Council gladly supports AB 1998.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Burt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

Greg Burt  
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