Dear ACLU,

Previously I have donated money to your organization because I supported the ACLU’s mission statement: being the guardians of justice, fairness, equality, and freedom, and working to protect and advance civil rights and civil liberties for all.

**Unfortunately, the ACLU has abandoned that mission.**

**Your website states:** *“Protecting free speech means protecting a free press, the democratic process, diversity of thought, and so much more. The ACLU has worked since 1920 to ensure that freedom of speech is protected for everyone****”***

**I fail to see how the following actions, which demonstrate clearly that the ACLU has allowed ideology and partisanship to capture your organization, resulting in the complete loss of your credibility, align with those values:**

* **Advocating for censorship and book bans:** When a book argued that the increase in the number of teenage girls identifying as transgender was caused by social contagion, one of your own Deputy Directors, Chase Strangio, posted the tweet: **“Stopping the circulation of this book and these ideas is 100% a hill I will die on.”**
* **As confirmed by The Cass Review Final Report (https://cass.independent-review.uk), and despite there being NO evidence base****that removing healthy breasts is a safe or effective treatment for gender distress,** you sued Children’s Hospital Colorado (CHCO) for ceasing these surgeries. Mastectomies are only medically necessary when cancer is found. No young woman can comprehend the tremendous impact on sexual health and on their ability to breastfeed a child. Many women change their minds about having children later in life.
* **Serving Jamie Reed, the courageous whistleblower from the Washington University Transgender Center at St. Louis Children’s Hospital, with a subpoena** in an attempt to obtain a collection of Reed’s communications. This is against the organization’s historical mission of protecting the civil liberties of whistleblowers.
* **Arguing in court filings that “there is no such thing as biological sex” and generally spreading misinformation about biological reality.  From your website: “**Transgender girls are often told that they are not girls (and conversely transgender boys are told they are not really boys) based on inaccurate stereotypes about biology, athleticism, and gender.” **There are no stereotypes in biology.** **This is pure anti-science ideology.**
* **Failing to acknowledge the biological advantage of males over females in sports. Failing to understand what a woman is. From your website:** “Many who oppose the inclusion of trans athletes erroneously claim that allowing trans athletes to compete will harm cisgender women. This divide and conquer tactic gets it exactly wrong. Excluding women who are trans hurts all women.” There are no “trans” women, there are men who attempt to mimic the sex traits of women. **A woman is an adult human female**. **Sex is binary and organized around the production of either large or small gametes**.

**Your website also states:** *“Every day, in courtrooms, legislatures, and the public square, the ACLU fights to ensure that the criminal justice system treats women and girls fairly.”*

**How is it fair to women** that you sued to have a man who strangled a 17-year-old girl and left her body by an underpass, transferred to a women's prison in WA?

**How is it fair to women and girls** that you filed a lawsuit against Indiana’s Dept. of Corrections on behalf of a man who strangled his 11-month-old daughter, claiming that his rights are violated because he has not been provided with “gender affirming surgeries?”

**How is it fair to women** that because of your legal actions, a man who raped, murdered and drank the blood of an Ecuadorian immigrant woman is now housed in a women’s prison in NJ?

**How is it fair to women** that in 2022 in Rikers Island, New York, a man pretending to be a woman was housed among females, resulting in a woman being raped.

**How is it fair to women** that incarcerated women who complain about being housed with a man with a penis get their parole revoked?

**How is it fair that women** with histories of trauma and domestic abuse are forced to share their most private and intimate spaces with intact males – many of whom are violent sexual predators serving time for heinous crimes?

It is clear that the ACLU no longer upholds the values of viewpoint diversity, free speech, and protection of basic rights, and instead has taken an extreme partisan, political, and ideological position that actively undermines these exact values. Shame on you. The ACLU is not an organization I can support.

Sincerely,

<YOUR NAME (optional)>