

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4970**

**OFFERED BY MR. POLIS OF COLORADO, MR. NADLER OF NEW YORK, MR. QUIGLEY OF ILLINOIS, MS. WATERS OF CALIFORNIA, AND MS. CHU OF CALIFORNIA**

Strike page 18, line 23, through page 20, line 16,  
and insert the following:

1           “(13) CIVIL RIGHTS.—

2                   “(A) NONDISCRIMINATION.—No person in  
3           the United States shall, on the basis of actual  
4           or perceived race, color, religion, national ori-  
5           gin, sex, gender identity (as defined in section  
6           249(c)(4) of title 18, United States Code), sex-  
7           ual orientation, or disability, be excluded from  
8           participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be  
9           subjected to discrimination under any program  
10          or activity funded in whole or in part with  
11          funds made available under the Violence  
12          Against Women Act of 1994 (title IV of Public  
13          Law 103–322; 108 Stat. 1902), the Violence  
14          Against Women Act of 2000 (division B of  
15          Public Law 106–386; 114 Stat. 1491), the Vio-  
16          lence Against Women and Department of Jus-

1           tice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (title IX of  
2           Public Law 109–162; 119 Stat. 3080), the Vio-  
3           lence Against Women Reauthorization Act of  
4           2012, or any other program or activity funded  
5           in whole or in part with funds appropriated for  
6           grants, cooperative agreements, and other as-  
7           sistance administered by the Office on Violence  
8           Against Women.

9           “(B) EXCEPTION.—If sex segregation or  
10          sex-specific programming is necessary to the es-  
11          sential operation of a program or activity de-  
12          scribed in subparagraph (A), nothing in this  
13          paragraph shall prevent any such program or  
14          activity from consideration of the sex of an indi-  
15          vidual. In such circumstances, grantees may  
16          meet the requirements of this paragraph by  
17          providing comparable services to individuals  
18          who cannot be provided with the sex-segregated  
19          or sex-specific programming.

20          “(C) DISCRIMINATION.—The authority of  
21          the Attorney General and the Office of Justice  
22          Programs to enforce this paragraph shall be the  
23          same as it is under section 809 of title I of the  
24          Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of  
25          1968 (42 U.S.C. 3789d).

1           “(D) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
2           paragraph shall be construed, interpreted, or  
3           applied to supplant, displace, preempt, or other-  
4           wise diminish the responsibilities and liabilities  
5           under other Federal or State civil rights law,  
6           whether statutory or common.

