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Comment:

I support this proposal, and I am commenting as a transgender individual who has undergone court proceedings in which my pronouns were not respected. As another commenter has noted, this proposed rule merely provides a clear guideline regarding what is already expected of our courts and judiciary---treating every person fairly, with courtesy and respect, regardless of their gender.

Respecting someone's pronouns harms no one and does not require any extra effort or expense. Not respecting someone's pronouns can be detrimental to their health and well-being, as it signals to the individual that their very existence is somehow wrong, and that they do not have the freedom to express themselves in the ways that best represent their core identity.

Not understanding gender variance or the experiences of transgender individuals is not an excuse to dispose of basic human decency. Our courts and judicial officers are expected to treat each individual they interact with with common courtesy and respect, and this proposal merely clarifies that expectation.

Thank you,
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