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CORRECTION

In our previous edition, the headline “HUD Releases Updated and New WAVA Forms” contained a typo. The correct acronym should be “VAWA”, which stands for Violence Against Women Act. The corrected headline should read: “HUD Releases Updated and New VAWA Forms.” We apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

GENERAL NEWS

Secretary Turner Halts Enforcement Actions of Gender Identity Rule

In a [press release](#) late last Friday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that Secretary Scott Turner issued an [order](#) directing HUD to halt any pending or future enforcement actions related to [HUD's 2016 Equal Access Rule](#), which allowed individuals to self-identify their gender without regard to their biological sex.

According to the announcement, Secretary Turner’s action will ensure housing programs, shelters, and other HUD-funded providers offer services to Americans based on their sex at birth: male or female.

“We, at this agency, are carrying out the mission laid out by President Trump on January 20 when he signed an executive order to restore biological truth to the federal government. This means recognizing there are only two sexes: male and female. It means getting government out of the way of what the Lord established from the beginning when he created man in his own image,” said Secretary Turner.

The Equal Access Rule was [published](#) in February 2012 to ensure that HUD’s housing programs would be open to all eligible individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. The 2016 Equal Access Rule clarified and expanded the 2012 rule to provide more specific guidance on the treatment of transgender and gender non-conforming individuals.



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