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**REP. SHAHEEN APPLAUDS INJUNCTION PROTECTING CHILDREN'S PRIVACY**  
Collin County Legislator Commends Court for Upholding Common Sense, Decency in Schools

**PLANO**—Representative Matt Shaheen applauds the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas Monday for its preliminary injunction against President Obama's transgender bathroom decree. The order would have forced public schools across the country to "immediately allow students to use the bathrooms, locker rooms, and showers of the student's choosing" or risk losing federal funding. The decision deemed Obama's declaration unconstitutional for not following proper legal procedure and for contradicting existing legislative and regulatory texts.

"I'm incredibly proud of the decision by Judge O'Connor to call out the Obama Administration for its unconstitutional, inconsistent ruling on bathrooms and shower facilities in public schools," said Rep. Shaheen. "I continue to be amazed at the Obama Administration's willingness to withhold federal funds used to feed poor children if schools do not force schoolgirls to share restrooms and showers with boys. This assault on the safety and privacy of school children is unprecedented and demonstrates President Obama's lack of common sense and decency. Schools that have a transgendered student have accommodated them by providing a private restroom and the Texas Legislature passed legislation in 2011 that addresses harassment of all kinds in our schools. No responsible parent wants their daughter to be forced to share a restroom of shower with a boy and the president is trying to force this to happen by blackmailing poor children."

Shaheen concluded his remarks by giving thanks to several Texas leaders. "I want to thank Governor Abbott and Lieutenant Governor Patrick for their strong stance protecting Texas children. I want to especially thank Attorney General Ken Paxton for his leadership on this issue and for his work gathering many other states to fight the federal government's attack on our children."

**Representative Shaheen serves on the Texas House committees on Criminal Jurisprudence and Defense & Veteran's Affairs. He is a resident of Plano and serves the citizens of Texas House District 66, which encompasses west Plano and far north Dallas.**

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