



Dear Senator:

I write you as your constituent to support the Gender Expression-Non Discrimination Act (GENDA) in New York State. GENDA is vitally needed legislation—and without its enactment, NYS is denying New York citizens the most basic of civil rights and protections.

As you know, GENDA would prohibit discrimination based on gender identity or expression. Gender identity and expression, both real and perceived, are the ways in which people self-identify the gender and expression of the true persons they are. Transgender is a term which encompasses the various ways in which people live as the gender are or express him or herself through ways which differ from the stereotypical norms of the physical gender assigned one at birth. Transgender individuals are individuals who have the courage and strength to transition to and live as the real gender they are. Regardless of one's physical gender, or the way in which people express themselves through ways which differ from gender norms, every American and New Yorker deserves the freedoms of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As such, every American deserves the freedom from unjust oppression and discrimination. And the GENDA bill will do just that in our state. GENDA will protect New Yorkers from housing, employment and other discriminations and harassments; all of which are essential elements of living a free life in a free country. I urge you to support this legislation, and thank you greatly if you already do.

In conclusion, I thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. Each day which goes by in our great state without GENDA, countless New Yorkers lack the most essential civil rights and protection, such as employment and housing. I urge you to support this legislation in any way you can—through co-sponsorship, advocacy to your fellow legislators and—most importantly--with your vote.

Sincerely,

Printed Name: _____

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