

New York State Legislators



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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo Governor of New York State New York State Capitol Building Albany, NY 12224

Governor Cuomo,

We are LGBTQ elected officials, organizations, and activists, working to ensure that transgender, gender nonconforming, and nonbinary (TGNC) New Yorkers are able to live free from discrimination and harassment in our State. We urge you to sign the Gender Neutral Bathrooms Bill, A.5240 (O'Donnell) / S.6479 (Salazar), which makes all single stall bathrooms in New York State gender neutral, to ensure that TGNC New Yorkers can use public facilities without fear of harassment or discrimination.

This legislation is simple: it says that if a bathroom has one stall, anyone can use it. Critically, the bill applies to all restaurants, bars, public and private schools, and other public facilities across the State to ensure that everyone can access public accommodations wherever they are without fear of discrimination or harassment, no matter their gender or gender identity. Placing restrictions on who can use public restrooms not only violates individuals' basic civil rights, it all too often threatens the privacy and safety of transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming people who are just trying to go about their day. At its core, this bill is not just about bathrooms, but about transgender, gender nonconforming, and nonbinary peoples' right to exist in the world as themselves, with safety, protection, and affirmation.

This bill passed unanimously in the New York State Assembly, with a significant bipartisan majority in the Senate, and with broad support across the LGBTQ community. New York City, Philadelphia, Seattle, the State of California, and the State of Illinois have all passed similar legislation, all with no issues in implementation, and no negative impacts on businesses or institutions. As you know, the TGNC community has been the target of countless attacks from the Federal Administration and other states in recent years, and has endured a long history of discrimination and violence. New York has long been a leader in pushing forward LGBTQ

rights. Our State must continue that proud history, stand strong for the TGNC community, and enact A.5240 / S.6479.

We urge you to support and sign A.5240 (O'Donnell) / S.6479 (Salazar) to support, protect, and affirm transgender, gender nonconforming, and nonbinary New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell

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State Senator Julia Salazar

Organizations

Equality New York
The LGBT Center

Gender Equality New York

New Pride Agenda

GMHC

The Trevor Project Translatinx Network

Marsha P. Johnson Institute

Adirondack North Country Gender Alliance

Mid-Hudson Valley Transgender

Association

Genesee Valley Gender Variants

Spectrum Transgender Group of Greater

New York

Stonewall Democrats of NYC

Stonewall Democrats of Hudson Valley

Western NY Stonewall Democrats

Lambda Independent Democrats of

Brooklyn

Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club of

Oueens

Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club

SAGE GAY USA

National Trans Bar Association

The LGBT Bar Association of New York

Queens County Bar Association LGBTQ+

Committee

LGBTQ+ Caucus of the Association of Legal Aid Attorneys, UAW LOCAL 2325

Legal Services of Central New York

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Make The Road New York

New York Immigration Coalition

Citizen Action of New York

Housing Works

New York Civil Liberties Union

Athlete Ally

Harlem Pride, Inc.

Brooklyn Community Pride Center

The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center

Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center

Albany Damien Center

NYC Pride and Power

GLYS Western New York

GLSEN Lower Hudson Valley

GLSEN Upstate NY

Western New York Anti Violence Project

Long Island Inclusive Communities Against

Hate

Long Island Rising

Long Island Crisis Center

The Bar Method, Roslyn

Together We Will Long Island

New York Progressive Action Network -

Long Island Activists

New York Progressive Action Network - Progressive East End Reformers (P.E.E.R.)

NY02 Indivisible

Indivisible Nassau County Young Long Island For Justice Intersex Friends and Families Trans Equity Consulting Greater NYC For Change

Black Trans Nation

National Harm Reduction Coalition Parents Supporting Parents NY All Souls NYC Pride Team

Unitarian Universalist Congregation at

Shelter Rock

Shared Humanity USA

Community Healthcare Network Golisano Children's Hospital - Strong Supportive Housing Network of New York

The Opportunity Network Rainbow Access Initiative Fred & Gilda Nobel Foundation

The Osborne Association

Swish Ally Fund at the Stonewall

Community Foundation

TriVersity Center Nonprofits TALK Brooklyn Ghost Project

UnLocal

Youth Represent Bridge Represent A Wider Bridge

GirlVow

The Haus of Encore

Dance/NYC

Sakhi for South Asian Women

Princess Janae Place Prevent Child Abuse NY Women's Diversity Network

Long Island Poor People's Campaign

Women & Justice Project

Intersex Friends & Families, Intersex

Boundaries

Ali Forney Center

Heritage of Pride | NYC Pride

New Hour for Women and Children—Long

Island

Individuals

La'Mia Aiken-Medina (She/Her/Hers)

Julia Appel (She her hers)
Jared B. Arader (he/him)
Amanda Babine (She/Her)
Bryan Ball (He him his)
Anthony Beckford (He / Him)
Caprice Bellefleur (she/her)

Anna Berg (she/her)
Allie Bohm (She/Her)
Angelina Bouros (Her)
Jason Bowman (He/Him)
Rachel Braun (she/her/hers)
Linda Brenner (She/her)

Cynthya BrianKate (She/Her/Hers)

Sam Brinton (they/them) Kristen Browde (whatever) Allyson Burger (She/Her/Hers) Reg Calcagno (they/them) Dennise Camacho (she)

Corinne Carey (She/her/hers)

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Maxine Dangleer (Mrs.)
Deana Davoudiasl (she/hers)
Katherine De Groot (she/her)
Maur DeLaney (he/him/his)
Maira Della Pia (She/her/hers)
Claire Deroche (she/her/hers)

Amber M Desjardins (She, her, hers)

Agnes Devereux (She/her)

Lorenzo Di Silvio (He, Him, His)

Christine Dore (she)

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John F Duane (he/him)

Carol Ebersole-Weiss (She/Her)

Gail Elis (She/her)

Bryan Ellicott (He/Him/They/Them)

Tawni J. Engel (she/her/hers)

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Elmer Flores (He/him/his)
Erica Forman (she/her)

Charlotte Forrester (she/her)

Machele French (She)

Rev. Audette Fulbright Fulson (she/her/hers)

Cecilia Gentili (She/her)
Michael Gibbons (He/him)
Nathalia Gibbs (They/SHe)
Tanesha Grant (she, her, queen)
Charlene D Greenberg (She/her)
Mateo Guerrero-Tabares (He/they)
Margarita Guzman (she/her/they)
Donna Guzzardi (She/Her)
Elizabeth Hadden (She, her)

Diane Haney

Hiroko Hatanaka (she)

Katrina Hatch (She/Her/Hers) Cristina Herrera (She/Her) Shoshana Hershkowitz (She/hee) Abigail Highland (She, Her, Hers)

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Lindsay Jones (She they)

Patricia Jones Anu Joshi (she/her)

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Susan Karbiner (She/her/hers) Dennis Kaufman (He/Him)

Kavita (she/her)

Justin Keeler (He/him/his) Simone Kraus (She/ her/ hers)

Donald Kreger Eve Krief

Tanya Krupat (She/ her) AiLun Ku (She/Her/Hers)

Kat Lahey

Latifa (She, her, hers)

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(she/her/hers)

Terry Lawson (She/ Her/ Hers)

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Shanequa Levin (She/her/hers) Serena Liguori (She/Her/Hers)

Lori Lorenz (She/Her)

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Joe Sackman (He/Him)

Barbara Salva (she, her her's)

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John Schindler (They/Them/Their)

Fredric Schwartz (He, his)

Sue Sena (She/Her/Your highness)

Nate Shalev (They/them)
Bridget Shanahan (She/Her)
Steven Sharpe Jr. (He/Him)
Renee Short (she/her)
Melissa Sklarz (she/her)
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They/them) Marsha Stone

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