



National Task Force  
to End Sexual and  
Domestic Violence Against Women

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**ACTION ALERT! Sign on to NTF's Consensus Statement  
Opposing Anti-Transgender Initiatives!**

*We must refuse to allow the needs of all survivors to be used to justify harmful and discriminatory policies!*

States across the country have introduced **harmful legislation and policy proposals that seek to repeal anti-discrimination protections** or restrict transgender people's access to gender-specific facilities like restrooms. Those supporting these proposals have claimed that they are necessary for public safety and the prevention of sexual violence.

As organizations working every day to meet the needs of **all** survivors and to reduce sexual assault and domestic violence throughout society, **we need to use our collective voice of experience and expertise to tell policy makers the allegations used to support such laws and proposals are false.**

- More than 200 municipalities and 18 states have nondiscrimination laws protecting transgender people's access to facilities consistent with their gender. **None of those jurisdictions have seen a rise in sexual violence or other public safety issues due to nondiscrimination laws.**
- Transgender people experience **higher rates of sexual assault** than people who are not **transgender**, and forcing them out of facilities consistent with their gender makes them more vulnerable to assault.
- Our mandate is to serve and prevent violence against **all** victims and survivors, regardless of gender identity.
- As advocates committed to ending sexual assault and domestic violence, we oppose any law or policy that could put anyone at risk of assault or harassment.
- Targeting transgender people does not make us safer—and discriminating against transgender people undermines efforts to eliminate real threats to safety and privacy.

**We refuse to allow the very real needs of all victims and survivors, transgender and not, to be erroneously used to justify harmful and discriminatory policies!**

**ACT TODAY!!!**

Sign onto the **NTF's consensus statement** opposing discrimination based on gender identity! This sign-on is for **organizations only!** To sign on, complete this **form** by **Friday, April 15**. The statement is attached and **here**.

For more information, please visit the **National Center for Transgender Equality Action Center** or email Terra Slavin (**tslavin@lgbtcenter.org**) or Terri Poore (**terri@endsexualviolence.org**).