



National Alliance to End Sexual Violence

NAESV Applauds the President's Budget

During Pride Month, we commemorate the Stonewall riots of 1969 in 2021 and the extraordinary bravery of trans women of color, and we also highlight the disproportionate impact of sexual violence on LGBTQ communities. Within these communities, transgender people and bisexual women face the highest rates of sexual violence and lesbian, gay, and bisexual people experience sexual violence at similar or higher rates than straight people.¹

Despite the high risk of sexual violence and other types of violence and discrimination, LGBTQ and particularly transgender communities face continuing backlash from policy makers across the country. In their efforts to restrict critical health care and other basic human rights, 31 states have introduced 117 bills this year that would limit or eliminate rights for trans individuals. Another 10 states have passed such bills into law. These bills include bans on bathroom/locker rooms and youth sports bans as well as restrictions on transgender medical care.²

It is within our mission as an anti-sexual assault organization to push back against all forms of oppression. We must support strong policies that provide non-discrimination protections to LGBTQ folks in all aspects of their lives—employment, housing, education, access to public spaces, and more. The federal Equality Act is an important step in this direction, and we encourage advocacy for its passage in Congress. Additionally, state advocacy efforts are key to defending against bathroom and youth sports bans and, critically, restrictions to transgender medical care for youth. We know that transgender affirming health care is difficult for some to access and prohibiting youth from receiving this care even from those willing and able to provide it, is a human rights violation.

Services:

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Human Rights Campaign <https://www.advocatesforyouth.org/issue/lgbtq-health-and-rights/>

Trevor Project <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/get-involved/trevor-advocacy/legislative-priorities/>

¹https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/cdc_nisvs_victimization_final-a.pdf (Retrieved 6/2/21)

² <https://www.hrc.org/campaigns/the-state-legislative-attack-on-lgbtq-people> (6/2/21)