Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 26, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

We urge you to rescind your unlawful, unconstitutional attempt to end access to life-saving care for transgender young people immediately. You should be listening to young trans people, their families, and their doctors. The evidence is clear: the medical care you seek to ban saves lives and we want trans kids to live.

Just eight days into your term, you signed an Executive Order attempting to restrict federal funding for evidence-based, medically necessary care for people ages 18 and under. This Executive Order threatens the lives and wellbeing of the young people who need this care, which is supported by every major medical association. Trans youth who receive this care experience lower rates of depression, anxiety, and other adverse mental health outcomes. In addition, trans youth who have access to evidence-based care are at a lower risk for suicidality compared to those who do not have access to this treatment. Restricting access to this care is unconscionable. Recklessly tying this order to federal funding threatens the financial health of health care providers and threatens everyone's access to health care.

This dangerous ban is an astonishing attempt to interfere in private health care decisions. Trans young people, their parents and their doctors should be the ones making their health care decisions. No one should need to ask the President's permission to access life-saving, evidence-based health care.

As Members of Congress, we stand united with trans young people and their families. We will fight you every step of the way if you choose to go down this path. Let us be clear: your actions will mean young people suffer enormously. We urge you to rescind this dangerous order immediately.

Sincerely,

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¹ Tordoff, Diana et. al. 2022. "Mental Health Outcomes in Transgender and Nonbinary Youths Receiving Gender-Affirming Care," *JAMA Netw Open*, 5(2): e220978. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2022.0978

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