

Mayor Richard M. Daley
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Dear Mayor Daley:

I am writing to urge you to support the Gender Identity Amendment to the Chicago Human Rights Ordinance and Chicago Fair Housing Ordinance sponsored by Aldermen Hansen, Ocasio, Schuller, Shiller, and Moore. As a resident of Chicago, I have always been proud of our tradition of nondiscrimination. It is time to expand these protections to transgender people.

Transgender people are among the most vulnerable and discriminated-against groups in Chicago, and they have very little legal recourse when subjected to discrimination. That is why so many other major cities already have passed such protections, and why passing the Gender Identity Amendment is so important.

These amendments are not about special rights and privileges, but rather they are about ensuring all Chicagoans are treated with equal respect and dignity. It should no longer be legal for an employer to fire or refuse to hire or promote a qualified person on the basis of gender identity. Moreover, a transgender person should not be denied basic and necessary services, such as housing or access to public accommodations facilities, including health care facilities, because of his or her gender identity. I urge you to support these amendments.

Sincerely,

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____