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Memo of Support

Transgender Treatment Protection Act S.2475A/A.6046A

NYS American Academy of Pediatrics, representing more than 5,000 pediatricians across New York State, strongly supports S.2475A/A.6046A.

Access to gender affirming care is a standard of care in pediatrics. All young people and their families should have access to counseling and appropriate medical care on their journey toward gender identity.

Research has shown that receiving timely appropriate gender affirming care, both counseling, family support and medical care can be lifesaving as well as life affirming.

Denying young people gender affirming care has been shown to contribute to depression, eating disorders, isolation, and self harm.

A recent study found that transgender youth who received puberty blockers or hormone therapy in a medically supervised environment were 73% were less likely to die by suicide over a 12 month period.

And yet across our country, in the 2023 legislative session alone, at least 116 bills have been introduced in at least 29 states targeting medically necessary health care for transgender, gender nonconforming, and nonbinary people.

Many bills seek to ban gender affirming care for transgender youth and establish criminal penalties for providing such care.

Seven of these bills have become law. The Governor of Texas has ordered the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services to investigate parents who support their children accessing gender affirming care. Basically, threatening families with child abuse proceedings for helping their children get the medical and mental health care they need.

Passing S.2475A/A.6046A, will send a clear message that New York will not participate in other states' attempts to stigmatize and punish gender affirming care providers, patients, family members or those who support them.

Under S.2475A/S.6046A, if a provider delivers lawful gender affirming care in New York, or a patient and their family seek gender affirming care in New York,

New York will do everything in its power to shield them from the reach of other states, no matter their state of residence.

The bill will protect providers' licensure and prevent medical malpractice insurers from taking adverse action because a provider delivered gender affirming care to a patient who traveled to New York from out of state.

The legislation would also prevent New York law enforcement from cooperating with another state's investigations into gender affirming care lawfully provided in New York by preventing New York from arresting or extraditing someone because they provided, aided in, or received lawful gender affirming care in New York and by prohibiting New York courts from issuing subpoenas in connection with a hostile state's proceeding related to gender affirming care lawfully provided in New York.

New York can and must be a state that clearly and publicly affirms, and by its actions publicly supports, access to gender affirming care for all young people and families who need such care. We must, as New Yorkers stand strongly in support of young transgender people and all gender questioning people, their families and their medical providers.

Passing S.2475A/A.6046A now is imperative. It will save lives!

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