

To our beloved trans youth,

As many organizations, legal entities, media outlets, and concerned community members vocalize their gratitude and concerns about the Biden Administration's [Title IX updates](#), released during this April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we have yet to speak directly to YOU in these messages. So, while there is much to celebrate and critique—namely the total exclusion of trans athlete protections—the LGBTQIA+ Task Force is here to remind Ohio's youth that ***we cannot and will not fight for liberation without you.***

In 2024, [635 anti-trans bills](#) have been introduced throughout the United States. Ohio has already pursued [13 separate anti-trans bills](#), most of which directly impact transgender youth. Regardless of whether these bills pass, the cultural ripples are felt across Ohio and the globe. ***And in the face of it all, trans people continue to live in their truths.***

Trans liberation will not come by way of law. It will not come by way of politicians claiming to "[have our backs](#)" only to use a knife instead. It will not come by way of accepting crumbs while trans youth are targeted at higher rates than ever before. It will not come by way of adults overlooking the agency and autonomy of all youth. ***It will come from our commitment to each other's survival through self-determination, material needs met, and defiance of state limitations.***

To our trans youth siblings: We won't stop fighting for a world where autonomy, safety, respect, and joy are deemed a human right, not dictated by laws that limit that possibility. We won't stop fighting for a world where trans existence is not named "[too controversial](#)" until it's voting season. We won't stop fighting alongside you to end [adult supremacy](#) that gets gender-affirming care wrong [on both sides of the debate](#).

You are not a debate.

You are not controversial.

You are possibility embodied.

The Ohio LGBTQIA+ Task Force and all signatories unequivocally stand in solidarity with trans youth, center their leadership in this struggle, and remain steadfast in our

commitment to a world free from ALL violence. See below for resources and calls to action.

In love and solidarity,

Ohio LGBTQIA+ Task Force

***UPDATE:** *Since drafting this letter, multiple states have issued preliminary injunctions to block the Title IX updates. [The new Title IX rule remains blocked](#) in 20+ states, including Ohio. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to take an emergency measure to reinstate parts of the overall rule in the states that have blocked the rule from taking effect due to the inclusion of LGBTQ+ protections.”*

Signed Supporters

Ohio’s Statewide Anti-Oppression Committee

To add your individual or organizational name to this letter, please contact sferrato@oaesv.org

Take Action

[Emergency Fund for Black LGBTQIA+ People in Columbus, Ohio](#)

[TransOhio Emergency Fund](#)

[TransOhio Calls to Action](#)

National Women’s Law Center’s [Tell the Department of Education: Protect All Students’ Equal Access to Athletics](#)

[100 SCHOOL DISTRICTS: A CALL TO ACTION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO ADDRESS SEXUAL HARASSMENT THROUGH INCLUSIVE POLICIES AND PRACTICES](#)

ACLU’s [Protect Trans Care Now petition](#)

Equitas Health’s [Protect Gender Affirming Care in Ohio](#)

Equitas Health’s [External Affairs](#)

[Join Ohio's LGBTQIA+ Task Force](#)

Anti-Trans Legislation

[Mapping Attacks on LGBTQ Rights in U.S. State Legislatures in 2024](#)

[2024 anti-trans bills tracker](#)

Title IX Updates

[U.S. Department of Education Releases Final Title IX Regulations, Providing Vital Protections Against Sex Discrimination](#)

[FACT SHEET: U.S. Department of Education's 2024 Title IX Final Rule Overview](#)

[Title IX final rule draws vociferous challenges and support](#)

Ohio-Based Resources

LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland's [Title IX updates response](#)

[New Title IX rules will protect Ohio's LGBTQ+ students from discrimination for the first time](#)

Black Queer & Intersectional Collective (BQIC) [list of trusted Columbus-based resources](#)

[TransOhio](#)

[Kaleidoscope Youth Center](#)

[KYC's Gender Affirmation Project \(GAP\)](#)

[Equitas Health](#)

[Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization](#)

Trans Youth Resources

[Abolitionist Bystander Intervention & De-Escalation for Youth](#)

[GLSEN 2021 National School Climate Survey](#)

[Human Rights Campaign: Get the Facts about Transgender & Non-Binary Athletes](#)

[The Trevor Project 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health](#)

Trans Athletes Resources

[Anti-Trans Sports Bills Aren't Just Transphobic — They're Racist, Too](#)

[Journalist Resource - Reporting on Trans Youth and Sports - Transgender Law Center](#)

[For women athletes of color, outsized scrutiny over gender is nothing new, historians say](#)

Gender Reveal podcast episodes on [Gender & Sports](#)

Dismantling Adult Supremacy Resources

[Live Like the World is Dying podcast episode on Adult Supremacy](#)

[No! Against Adult Supremacy Vol. 2](#)

[The Child and Its Enemies](#)

To Read

[Beyond the Gender Binary](#) by Alok Vaid-Menon

[Histories of the Transgender Child](#) by Jules Gill-Peterson

[The Transgender Issue: Trans Justice is Justice for All](#) by Shon Faye