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Statement from TLDEF Executive Director Michael Silverman on CeCe McDonald's Prison Release

New York, NY - "We are elated by the news of CeCe McDonald's release from prison and stand with all those who have spoken out in her defense, including acclaimed actress and activist, Laverne Cox.

"CeCe's case illustrated the extreme violence facing transgender women of color and the severe injustices they encounter in the criminal justice system when they try to defend themselves against such abuse.

"We wish CeCe peace and strength as she works to put this long ordeal behind her and continues to live her life authentically. Her courage motivates us to work even harder for transgender equality."

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About the Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund (TLDEF): TLDEF is committed to ending discrimination based upon gender identity and expression and to achieving equality for transgender people through public education, test-case litigation, direct legal services, and public policy efforts. Read more at: <http://transgenderlegal.org>.