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Executive Director

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Members of the Assembly LGB Caucus  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, New York 12248

Dear Member of the Assembly LGB Caucus:

The Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund (TLDEF) is writing to request your active support of the "Gender Expression Non Discrimination Act" or GENDA (A.6584). As a member of the LGB Caucus in the New York State Assembly, your voice influences the leadership of your House as well as your colleagues who often look to you for guidance on LGBT issues.

While GENDA passed out of the Assembly Governmental Operations committee in April 2007, it never made it to the floor for a vote. With the 2008 legislative session rapidly approaching, we would like to see renewed efforts to pass GENDA through the Assembly Codes and Rules committees, and a commitment to scheduling a full floor vote.

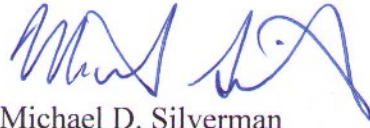
In this regard, we are asking you, as a member of the LGB Caucus, to commit to taking the following actions to help ensure GENDA is voted on and passed in the NYS Assembly:

- meet with Speaker Sheldon Silver to let him know that passing GENDA is a top priority for the LGB Caucus;
- distribute a support letter to your Assembly Democratic colleagues signed by the members of the LGB Caucus; and
- keep the NYS GENDA Coalition and its allies informed on a monthly basis of your advocacy surrounding the passage of GENDA.

As an organization that provides comprehensive services to and advocates for New York's LGBT community, TLDEF looks forward to working with you and your

staff to make sure GENDA is passed during the 2008 Legislative Session. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Silverman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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