

# PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON BILL C-389

We, the undersigned residents of Canada, draw attention to the House of the following:

WHEREAS the *Canadian Human Rights Act* (CHRA) does not explicitly protect transsexual and transgender people from discrimination and harassment and violence based on their gender identity or gender expression;

WHEREAS the *Criminal Code* does not include gender identity and gender expression as an identifiable group and does not take gender identity and gender expression into account as aggravating factors to be considered at time of sentencing;

WHEREAS transsexual and transgender people are victims of discrimination, harassment, and violence because of their gender identity and gender expression;

WHEREAS transsexual and transgender people experience injustices such as denial of employment, housing, and access to trans-sensitive health care, and inability to obtain identification documents because of their gender identity and gender expression;

WHEREAS Bill C-389 will update the *Canadian Human Rights Act* (CHRA) to include gender identity and gender expression as prohibited grounds of discrimination.

WHEREAS Bill C-389 will amend the *Criminal Code* to include gender identity and gender expression as distinguishing characteristics and as aggravating factors to be taken into consideration at the time of sentencing;

THEREFORE we call on Parliament to support Bill C389 and immediately implement legislation to update the *Canadian Human Rights Act* (CHRA) to include gender identity and gender expression as prohibited grounds of discrimination and the *Criminal Code of Canada* to include gender identity and gender expression in the hate crime and sentencing provisions.

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