

Dear Ms. Harper Tobin,

We are writing to you from the Louisville Youth Group, an organization that supports LGBTQAI+ teens in the Louisville area. We support our youth throughout many aspects of their lives, and while we exist as an organization outside of school, we recognize that what happens in our community classrooms is greatly impactful. The transgender students who are members of LYG experience immense struggles from very young ages – in schools and outside of them – struggles that children should not be forced to face alone.

As such, we would like to thank you personally for supporting our trans students in public schools. It is heartening to have such firm support fighting administrators that bully our youth. We deeply appreciate this legal precedent that will allow our transgender students to use the correct restroom and receive equal treatment in the classroom.

Our youth would like to thank you for all that this Declaration means to them. Thank you for working to take away the fear of using the correct restrooms. Thank you for letting us be our true selves; for acknowledging us, for seeing us, and for standing with us.

We know there is more work to be done, but we are grateful for this momentous occasion; this important movement forward. We thank you for all the work that you have done to help us, even though you do not know us.

Thank you again,

The Youth, Mentors, Staff, and Board members of Louisville Youth Group

Anna Giangrande

Executive Director