



For years, anti-LGBTQ bills have been on the ballot in statehouses around the country, but in 2023 the legislation - both in volume and appalling measures - has reached a fever pitch.

State lawmakers have introduced more anti-LGBTQ legislation this year than in the previous five years combined. With 470 anti-LGBTQ bills on state dockets, and 362 of them specifically attacking the transgender community, LGBTQ people are literally fighting for their lives.

These bills enforce discriminatory bathroom bans, censor drag shows or even make them illegal, stop transgender students from participating in sporting activities at school, force teachers to out students, eliminate school curriculum around LGBTQ and racial issues, attempt to allow states to put restrictions on same-sex marriages, erase LGBTQ people from schools and public life, and prevent transgender youth from accessing gender-affirming care or even force them to detransition. Kentucky, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, South Dakota, Utah, Iowa, Indiana and Georgia have already passed laws denying transgender youth the medically necessary care they need, and other states are likely to follow.

CenterLink's member centers have always and will continue to provide vital resources for their communities. LGBTQ centers remain a place where people can go for a wide range of critical, life-saving services. These centers collectively serve over 51,800 people each week, or nearly 2.7 million people per year. Nearly all LGBTQ centers engage in advocacy, public policy, and civic engagement across a wide variety of issues affecting the LGBTQ community. And despite almost three quarters of centers having experienced anti-LGBTQ threats or harassment over the past two years, the community of LGBTQ centers has remained stalwart in their missions.

CenterLink and its extensive network of member centers are stepping up to create a powerful, united front to push back against the wave of hateful legislation targeting the LGBTQ community. We are calling on people across the country to get involved:

- [Find your local LGBTQ community center](#) and support their services by volunteering or making a donation.
- [Make sure you're registered](#), then when the time comes, vote for lawmakers who support equality for all Americans.

We, the undersigned centers, denounce the tidal wave of anti-LGBTQ legislation that lawmakers are hurling at our community. We continue to stand united as safe havens for LGBTQ people and as pillars against hate and discrimination. We will not relent until these attacks stop and LGBTQ people are treated fairly and equally under the law.



List of signatories:

**CenterLink: The Community of LGBTQ Centers**

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Affirmations

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Attic Youth Center

BAGLY (Boston Alliance of LGBTQ+ Youth)

Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice

Bergen County LGBTQ Alliance

Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ Community Center

Borderland Rainbow Center

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Center

Brave Space Alliance

CAMP Rehoboth, Inc.

Capitol Area Reentry Program Inc.

Caribbean Equality Project

Caroline Pride, LLC

Central Valley Pride

Centre LGBT+

Centro Comunitario LGBTT de PR

Charlotte Trans Health

Coastal Bend Pride Center

CoastPride

Colors+

Community Awareness Network for a Drug-free Life and Environment

Compass LGBTQ Community Center

Covenant House of WV

Dallas Hope Charities

Delmarva Pride Center

Diversity Center of Oklahoma Inc

Diversity Collective Ventura County

Diversity Richmond

Eastern PA Trans Equity Project

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Equality Community Center

Equitas Health

Fabulous Arts Foundation

FAIRNY (Fairness Alliance and Information Resources of New York Inc

Fem Alliance Uganda



Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center  
GenderNexus  
Grand Rapids Pride Center  
Great Lakes Bay Pride  
Guilford Green Foundation & LGBTQ Center  
Harriet Hancock Center Foundation  
Have A Gay Day  
Health Equity Alliance for LGBTQ New Mexicans (HEAL Plus NM)  
Henderson Equality Center  
Hetrick-Martin Institute  
High Impacto  
Hot Springs Pride Alliance  
Hudson Pride Center  
Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation  
I Am Human Foundation  
Identity Health Clinic  
inclusion tennessee  
Indiana Youth Group (IYG)  
Inside Out Youth Services  
Inside Out Youth Services  
JASMYN, Inc.  
Jim Toy Community Center  
Kaleidoscope Youth Center  
Knox Pride  
Lancaster LGBTQ+ Coalition  
Latino Equality Alliance  
Lexington Pride Center  
LGBT Center of Raleigh  
LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin  
LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland  
LGBT Community Network  
LGBT Detroit  
LGBT+ Center Orlando, Inc.  
LGBT+ Family & Games  
LGBTQ Center at UNF  
LGBTQ Center OC  
LGBTQ Center of the Cape Fear Coast  
LGBTQ+ Center of Southern Nevada  
LGBTQ+ Family Connections Centers Inc  
LGBTQ+ Spectrum of Findlay  
LIAM Foundation



Live Out Loud  
Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth  
Long Island LGBT Center  
Los Angeles LGBT Center  
Louisville Youth Group  
LOVE ON A MISSION  
LYRIC SF  
Magic City Acceptance Center  
Maven Youth  
MiGen - Michigan LGBTQ+ Elders Network  
Montgomery Pride United/ Bayard Rustin Community Center  
Mountain Pride  
Muncie OUTreach LGBTQ+ Center  
Napier Pride Inc  
Naples Pride  
New York LGBT Network  
North County LGBTQ Resource Center  
North Shore Alliance of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth (NAGLY)  
North Star LGBT Community Center  
Oakland LGBTQ Community Center  
Oasis Youth Center  
Ogden Pride  
Omaha ForUs  
One In Long Beach, Inc. dba The LGBTQ Center Long Beach  
One Iowa  
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Open Table United Church of Christ  
Our Family Coalition  
Our Spot KC  
Out Boulder County  
Out in the Open  
OUT MetroWest  
Out On The Lakeshore  
OutCenter Southwest Michigan  
OutReach LGBTQ+ Community Center  
Outright Vermont  
Pacific Center for Human Growth  
Pacific Pride Foundation  
Phoenix Center  
Pittsburgh Equality Center  
Planned Parenthood Keystone



Positive Images LGBTQIA+ Center  
Positive Women's Network Alabama  
Power Safe Place Resource Center of Virginia  
Pride Center of Staten Island  
Pride Center of Terre Haute Inc.  
Pride Center San Antonio  
Pride Center West Texas  
Pride Community and Education Center of the Tri Cities  
Pride Community Center of North Central Florida  
Pride Community Center, Inc (Brazos Valley, Texas)  
Pride Link  
Pridelines  
Prism Counseling & Community Services  
PRISM FL, Inc  
Prism United  
Project Pride SRQ  
PWN Greater Houston  
Quad Citians Affirming Diversity (QCAD)  
Queens LGBT Center  
Queer Asterisk  
Queer Works  
Queermunity Collaborative  
QUEERSPACE collective  
Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County  
Rainbow Connections ATX, part of Family Eldercare  
Rainbow Families DC  
Rainbow Labs  
Rainbow Pride Youth Alliance  
Rainbow Rose Center  
Resource Center  
Roanoke Diversity Center  
Rockland County Pride Center  
SAGE-Long Island  
Sam & Devorah Foundation for Trans Youth  
San Diego Pride  
San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ+ Center  
San Mateo County Pride Center  
Seacoast Outright  
Seattle's LGBTQ+ Center  
SF LGBT Center  
Shenandoah LGBTQ Center



Shoals Diversity Center  
Side by Side  
SMYAL  
SOJOURN: Southern Jewish Resource Network for Gender and Sexual Diversity  
South Bay LGBTQ Center  
Spencer Pride, Inc.  
St. Louis Queer+ Support Helpline  
Stand with Trans  
Stonewall Alliance of Chico  
Stonewall Columbus, Inc  
SunServe  
Sussex Pride / TransLiance  
Tasha's House  
The Atlanta Pride Committee  
The Center on Colfax, Denver, CO  
The Center Project  
The Center: 7 Rivers LGBTQ Connection  
The Cortland LGBTQ Center  
The Diversity Center of Santa Cruz County  
The Equality Crew  
The Fresno Spectrum Center  
The Gala Pride and Diversity Center  
The LGBT Center of Greater Reading  
The LGBTQ Center (South Bend, IN)  
The LGBTQ Community Center of the Desert  
The LIAM Foundation  
The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center  
The New Haven Pride Center  
The Pride Center at Equality Park  
The Reunion Project  
The SMART Ride  
The Source LGBT+ Center  
The Spahr Center  
The Welcome Project PA / SAGA Community Center  
Time Out Youth  
Trans Families  
Transformation Project  
Transgender Awareness Alliance  
Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico  
Transgender Resource, Education and Enrichment Services-TREES, Inc.  
Transinclusive Group



TransNewYork  
Triangle Community Center  
Uniting Pride of Champaign County  
Unity House  
Uplift Outreach Center  
Uptown Gay and Lesbian Alliance (UGLA)  
Us Giving Richmond Connections  
Utah Pride Center  
Washington County Gay Straight Alliance, Inc.  
Waves Ahead Puerto Rico  
We Are Family  
Western Montana LGBTQ+ Community Center  
William Way LGBT Community Center  
Youth Oasis  
Youth Outlook  
Youth OUTright  
Youth Pride, Inc.  
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