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***LEGAL AID STATEMENT ON TRANSGENDER DAY OF  
REMEMBRANCE***

**(New York, NY) – The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement in honor of Transgender Day of Remembrance:

“The Legal Aid Society remembers and honors the countless transgender individuals who have been killed by violence because of their bravery to live authentically in their true identities. We stand in support of those transgender community members who are survivors of violence. We must end these vile and targeted attacks fueled by transphobia, sexism, and racism on a community that has suffered for far too long.

Today and every day, we reaffirm our commitment to our staff, clients, and all those who continually fight the marginalization of the transgender community which grievously experiences oppressive over policing, devastating rates of over-incarceration and discrimination in housing and employment. We will continue to be part of the opposition against the Trump Administration’s transphobic agenda to eliminate protections in health care, foster care, and education which only serve to further traumatize transgender youth and adults and their families. We are and will be a vocal ally to all transgender individuals and will publically join those speaking out in their fight for equality, while supporting those who fear violence and discrimination in their visibility.

To all, We See You. You Are Beautiful.”

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