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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

Advocates to Hold Press Conference Calling for Passage of the Gender Identity Respect, Dignity, and Safety Act Amid Federal Rollbacks and Local Abuses

The GIRDS Act (S.1049 Salazar/A.5478 Gallagher) ensures dignity and safety for incarcerated transgender, nonbinary, and intersex people by requiring housing, language, and care aligned with their gender identity

(ALBANY, NY) - Advocates, directly impacted individuals, and elected officials will gather in Albany to hold a press conference calling for the immediate passage of the Gender Identity Respect, Dignity, and Safety Act (GIRDS). The legislation is urgently needed amid a wave of federal rollbacks on protections for transgender people in custody and recent reports of systemic abuse at New York correctional facilities like Rikers Island.

WHO: Speakers will include representatives from Trans Prisoners' Rights Coalition, including The Legal Aid Society, impacted TGNCNBI New Yorkers, and allied legislators.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 11:30 am.

WHERE: Senate Gallery - 4th Floor press conference space

WHO: Senator Salazar, Assembly Member Gallagher, members of the Trans Prisoner Rights Coalition, and others.

VISUALS:

Speakers holding signs and photos of impacted individuals; press conference mic stand with backdrop of supporters and advocacy banners.

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