



Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Executive Leadership and Board of Director at Corewell Health  
100 Michigan Street NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

To Corewell Health's Board of Directors and Executive Leadership,

We, the undersigned, write this open letter today, to express our unequivocal and wholehearted opposition to Corewell Health's recent actions to restrict access to lifesaving, essential, evidence-based gender affirming care for young people and their families across our great state.

Actions taken by the Executive branch through Executive Orders have sought to bring the full weight of the United States government down against thousands of transgender and gender nonconforming young Americans and their families. These unilateral actions have yet to withstand the scrutiny of our judicial branch. It is critical that these untested actions not be anticipatorily complied with, and that elected officials, institutions, and the leaders of those institutions here in Michigan, thoughtfully analyze their response. The pain and suffering our constituencies, transgender young people and their families, will endure as a result of acquiescence, must be at the forefront of deliberations.

The just decision to us is plainly obvious and bolstered by Michigan Attorney General, Dana Nessel's, recently issued guidance:

"I write to remind you that the availability of federal funding has no bearing on Michiganders' right to seek and receive healthcare services without discrimination. Moreover, access to federal funds does not relieve Michigan healthcare facilities and providers of the obligation to comply with Michigan laws, including those that prohibit discrimination against individuals based on their membership in a protected class, such as religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or marital status. See, e.g., MCL §§ 37.2102, 2202, 2302. Refusing healthcare services to a class of individuals based on their perceived status, such as withholding the availability of services from transgender individuals based on their gender identity or their diagnosis of gender dysphoria, while offering such services to cisgender individuals, may constitute discrimination under Michigan law."

We respectfully urge you to reconsider your course of action and to evaluate the ethical principle of "do no harm" in the context of sustaining vital treatment for the young people in your care. It is not hyperbole to posit that if health care for



transgender people can be denied across the country without due process, without legislative action and without scrutiny of the courts, tomorrow, we could see similarly contrived assaults on the bodily autonomy of women and girls, access lifesaving treatments for HIV, or any other matter at the intersection of health care and individual rights.

We urge you to stand by these young people and their families, to respect individual freedom, and to honor our democratic traditions. The health, safety and lives of transgender young people are at risk.

In conclusion, we urgently ask that you, the leaders of Corewell Health, quickly reverse your decision and reinstate full access to gender affirming treatment for existing and new patients in your care.

Sincerely,  
The undersigned

Equality Michigan  
482Forward  
ACLU of Michigan  
Affirmations LGBTQ+ Community Center  
APIA Vote-MI  
Benzie Area Pride Network  
Cares of Southwest Michigan  
Corktown Health  
Detroit Disability Power  
Detroit Area Youth Uniting Michigan (DAYUM)  
Ferndale Pride  
Gender Identity Network Alliance (GNA)  
Grand Rapids Pride Center  
Grand Rapids Trans Foundation  
Great Lakes Bay Pride  
HIV/AIDS Alliance of Michigan (HAAM)  
LGBT Detroit  
Ludington Area Pride  
Michigan Education Justice Coalition (MEJC)  
Michigan League for Public Policy  
Michigan Org. on Adolescent Sexual Health (MOASH)  
Michigan United  
Michigan Voices  
MiGen  
NAACP Michigan State Conference  
National Association of Social Workers – Michigan Chapter

One Love Global  
OutCenter Southwest Michigan  
OutFront Kalamazoo  
PFLAG Clinton Township  
PFLAG Detroit  
PFLAG Plymouth-Canton  
Pride at Work Michigan  
The PROACTIVE Project, Inc.  
Progress Michigan  
Red Wine & Blue  
Rising Voices  
River City Psychological Services  
Ruth Ellis Center  
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Transgender Michigan  
Transgender Unity Coalition  
Up North Pride  
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