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**New York County Lawyers Association Issues Statement
on State Anti-LGBTQ Laws and Attack on Youth Transgender Rights**

The New York County Lawyers Association adamantly opposes laws that deprive transgender people of their right to safety and dignity and that set up barriers to gender-affirming, medically necessary treatment.

States around the country have recently doubled down on the nationwide assault on the dignity of transgender people. Last year, Arkansas enacted a law that prohibits healthcare professionals from providing or even referring transgender young people for medically necessary health care. At least eleven states – including Idaho, Tennessee, West Virginia, Florida, and most recently Iowa – have barred transgender girls from participating and competing in girls’ sports. In Florida, the governor recently introduced a “Don’t Say Gay” bill – which, if passed, would prohibit teachers and other school personnel from mentioning sexual orientation or gender identity in the classroom. And just last week in Texas, the governor and attorney general charged the state’s department of family and protective services with investigating families for child abuse simply for following best medical practice and supporting their transgender children through lifesaving, medically necessary, gender-affirming health care.

The drumbeat of state government assaults on transgender rights continues to mount, and the outcomes for transgender youth are proving to be terrifying and heartbreaking. NYCLA thus condemns all state actions that seek to deprive transgender young people of their dignity. NYCLA also affirms with resolve the right of transgender young people to safety and medically necessary treatment.

About the New York County Lawyers Association

The New York County Lawyers Association (www.nycla.org) was founded in 1908 as one of the first major bar associations in the country that admitted members without regard to race, ethnicity, religion or gender, and has a long history of supporting the rights of LGBTQ+ people. Since its inception, NYCLA has pioneered some of the most far-reaching and tangible reforms in American jurisprudence. For more information on NYCLA please visit nycla.org.

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