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**Joint Statement from Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA+ Affairs and the
Commission on Human Rights on the Supreme Court Decision
Permitting the Exclusion of Transgender Athletes from School Sports**

New York, NY -- Today, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld state laws banning transgender girls from playing on all-girls school sports teams. In response, Director of the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA+ Affairs Taylor Brown and Chair and Commissioner of the Commission on Human Rights Christine Clarke issued the following statement:

"While the Supreme Court today has chosen to permit states to explicitly discriminate against transgender students, the reality on the ground in New York City remains unchanged. The City of New York will continue to be a place where transgender students can play the sports they love and be treated at all times with dignity and respect.

It has been and continues to be unlawful in the State and City of New York to discriminate against anyone, including students, simply because they are transgender or intersex. Under the New York Constitution as well as New York City and State law, transgender and intersex students, like all students, remain eligible to participate in athletic opportunities consistent with who they are. This Administration has and will continue to stand with transgender New Yorkers, as well as transgender people across the country who will suffer as a result of today's decision."

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About the New York City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR)

CCHR is the agency responsible for enforcing the NYC Human Rights Law, one of the most comprehensive civil rights laws in the nation. The Commission works to promote equality and combat discrimination in New York City through law enforcement, community relations, and public education. For more information, visit nyc.gov/humanrights.

About the New York City Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA+ Affairs

The NYC Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA+ Affairs objective is to address both emerging and systemic barriers that prevent New Yorkers from thriving across all facets of life. Access to housing, housing stability are foundational to health, safety, economic well-being, and overall well-being. The office is an office within the NYC Mayor's Office of Equity and Racial Justice (MOERJ) led by Afua Atta-Mensah, NYC Chief Equity Office and Commissioner for MOERJ. Instagram: [@nyc_molgbtqia](https://www.instagram.com/nyc_molgbtqia) [@equitynycgov](https://www.instagram.com/equitynycgov)