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**Statement from Commissioner Christine Clarke
on NYU Langone Closing the Transgender Youth Health Program**

The New York City Commission on Human Rights is deeply troubled by the decision from NYU Langone to close the Transgender Youth Health Program, which provided essential health care to transgender young people. No one should face bias or discrimination when accessing basic services based on their gender identity. Decisions about health care should be guided by health needs, not political pressure, and this vital loss of services puts transgender young people and their families in a vulnerable position.

The NYC Commission on Human Rights stands firmly with the transgender community. We have been and will continue to investigate claims of discriminatory denial of health care services, and we remain committed to continuing to enforce the New York City Human Rights Law to ensure that all New Yorkers can live, work, and thrive with dignity.