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The NYC Commission on Human Rights and the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA+ Affairs Respond to Agreement Between Mount Sinai and the U.S. Department of Justice Ending Gender-Affirming Care for Adolescents

New York, NY -- In response to the settlement between Mount Sinai and the U.S. Department of Justice announced on Friday afternoon, Human Rights Commissioner Christine Clarke and inaugural Director of the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA+ Affairs Taylor Brown released the following statements:

"On the heels of the citywide 'Trans Rights are Human Rights' campaign, it is so disappointing to see hospitals turning their backs on trans and gender non-conforming youth. Medical decisions should be made between patients, families, and doctors, not by those who only want to exclude young people for political advantage. Transgender children deserve the same dignity and respect as any other child," **said Christine Clarke, Commissioner and Chair of the New York City Commission on Human Rights.** "I want all New Yorkers to know that the New York City Human Rights Law has not changed. Transgender young people still have the right to access public accommodations without discrimination. The Commission stands with LGBTQ+ New Yorkers and will continue to defend their rights and aggressively investigate allegations of discrimination."

"Mount Sinai's settlement with the U.S. Justice Department is deeply troubling. By attacking gender-affirming hormone therapy for minors, vilifying gender-affirming care, and promoting so-called 'detransition services,' the federal government is politicizing the practice of medicine and jeopardizing access to life-saving healthcare services that should remain at the discretion of providers, patients, and their families," **said Taylor Brown, Director of the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA+ Affairs.** "For many young people living with gender dysphoria, hormone therapy as part of gender-affirming care is a lifeline, and New York City will not leave young people without the care they need. Earlier this year in the face of federal attacks, the Mamdani Administration invested \$15 million to safeguard access to gender-affirming care, and our City's hospitals continue to provide this lifesaving care to those who need it."

The Mamdani administration offers a broad array of services for LGBTQ+ New Yorkers, including mental health services, community support resources and gender-affirming care. This work includes launching a new program to establish a direct care access fund for providers of youth gender-affirming care; launching a call and text line to connect New Yorkers with care,



services, information and support related to gender-affirming care; and funding research to identify gaps in health care access and outcomes for transgender and gender non-conforming New Yorkers. The city's public hospitals continue to provide gender-affirming care.

Anyone in New York City who feels they have experienced or witnessed discrimination can reach out to the Commission by calling 311 and asking for 'Human Rights' or [by filling out our online form](#).

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The New York City Commission on Human Rights 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.