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NYC Commission on Human Rights Opposes Trump Administration Proposal to Roll Back Equal Access Housing Protections

New York, NY -- The New York City Commission on Human Rights, together with the Commission on Gender Equity and multiple other City agencies, strongly opposes the Trump Administration's proposed rule restricting access to housing and shelters based on a person's sex, putting historically vulnerable New Yorkers at greater risk of housing discrimination.

The rule proposed by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would eliminate longstanding federal protections that ensure housing is available to all - regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity. It seeks to condition who can access housing and shelter on the basis of sex assigned at birth. The proposed rule would also allow HUD funding providers to make invasive inquiries into people's sex.

The Commission and partner agencies submitted a formal comment opposing the proposed rule because it is plainly unlawful. Additionally, the proposed rule would disproportionately harm LGBTQ+ New Yorkers, dissuade marginalized populations from seeking housing, and create significant administrative barriers for housing providers.

"The Trump Administration's proposed rule is part of a broader effort to weaken civil rights protections, sow fear, and stands in contrast to the City Human Rights Law," **said Christine Clarke, Commissioner and Chair of the NYC Commission on Human Rights**. "The Commission will continue using every tool available to protect New Yorkers, including speaking out against policies that threaten equal access to housing."

"Everyone deserves access to safe, stable housing and emergency shelter without fear of discrimination. The proposed HUD rule would create harmful barriers for transgender, nonbinary, and gender-nonconforming people seeking shelter at some of the most vulnerable moments in their lives," **said Priya Nair, Executive Director, NYC Commission on Gender Equity**. "Policies that deny people access to housing or shelter consistent with their gender identity undermine dignity, jeopardize safety, and move us further away from ensuring that everyone can live free from discrimination. CGE remains committed to advancing policies that protect the rights, safety, and well-being of all New Yorkers, regardless of their gender identity or gender expression, and we urge the federal government to preserve equitable access to housing and shelter for everyone."



The City urges the Trump Administration to withdraw the proposed rule.

The full comment is available [here](#).

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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.