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To: The State Official in CT our Governor

I am a Transgender who has experienced a lot of discrimination

Because of:

1. The color of my skin
2. My sexual preference
3. Being a Pre-op transgender

Most of the discrimination happens because people then, did not understand or were afraid of my life style. They would close their businesses by ABC (Alcohol, Beverage, and Control) in VA. Now that CT is open-minded Bridgeport is more supportive to Transgender. Hartford needs to help all people who are of a different races and sexual preference should not be an issue in this State.

How can a person prosper when others discriminate?

I have been beaten in VA because of my life style and have been made fun of by my family and others in VA. It was just mean. Battles were thrown at me as I walked the streets and also when I was working in VA I was fired because of my life style. These things are still in my mind but I just press on and move forward. Since I've been in CT I have seen changes in the State about how you treat people who are gay or transgender but more needs to be done. Hartford Hospital, when you first go in, looks upon you differently when they find out you are transgender. I know I experience it also. Charter Oak treats you differently if they can get away with it. This should not happen if you are a person who is moving from Bridgeport to Hartford or moving from another State to Connecticut. You should be treated for who you are, a person who needs help, Doctors or Nurses should not show fear like if this is a different patient and a special Doctor is needed for them.

Discrimination starts at home and with your families or who you live with.

Discrimination needs to end at home.

Let's nip discrimination in the workplace, hospitals, and State run offices

Also, churches because some things preachers preach hurt people. He or she may not throw the first brick or bottle or shoot to kill a person who is gay, lesbian, or transgender, but what they say out their mouth can be an effect on how the person takes the message who was listening to the preacher. This can at times be misleading and also cause animosity against a person which causes hate crimes and it can destroy people's lives mentally and physically. Sometimes when a person is attacked or robbed they call the police and the police look at them differently because of their lifestyle. This hurts the worst being a transgender, lesbian, bisexual, or gay. I have been fighting for the rights of others no matter what I have been through, I will continue to speak out against discrimination. I hope others will join in this fight to speak of all people's rights in CT and this Country. Thank You!!