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S.B. No. 1044 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION

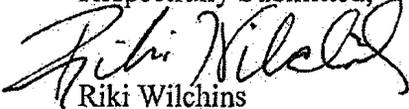
Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee; thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony in support of the essential civil liberties and individual rights of the citizens of the State of Connecticut. Civil rights are positive legal prerogatives; the right to equal treatment before the law. The Gender Public Advocacy Coalition is the national organization working to end discrimination and violence caused by gender stereotypes by changing public attitudes, educating elected officials and expanding human rights.

Transgendered people face serious discrimination in the workplace, housing and public accommodations. All too frequently, transgendered people are fired the moment their employers learn of their background. They are often targeted as they try to find a place to live and are regularly asked to leave restaurants, hotels, stores, medical facilities and educational institutions.

No one should lose their job or be denied a place to live because of their gender identity or expression.

Therefore, the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition asks this Committee and the General Assembly to pass SB 1044 to make certain that all citizens of the State of Connecticut are free from discrimination.

Respectfully Submitted,



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