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H.B. No. 5723 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION

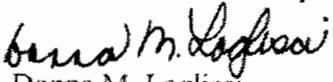
Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee; thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony in support of the essential civil liberties and individual rights of the citizens of the State of Connecticut. Basic civil rights protections ensure the ability of people to live and work as productive members of society. Civil rights are an ordinary, universal entitlement of citizenship

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. I am pleased that the City of Stamford has been a leader in this State and indeed the Country, in its efforts to end discrimination wherever we find it.

One must always remember that we shall never nor do we have the right to discriminate against any person for the purpose of questioning their appearance or behavior if in fact it is not perceived to be traditional through the eyes of others. Therefore, I once again urge this Committee and the General Assembly to pass HB 5723 to make certain that all citizens of the State of Connecticut are free from discrimination.

Respectfully Submitted,


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