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TransFamily Support Services Makes Statement on Gov. Abbott and Attorney General Paxton Targeting Trans Youth Healthcare and their Families

(San Diego, CA) – In Texas, both Gov. Abbott and Attorney General Paxton are undermining the safety and well-being of trans youth and their families for political gain. To be a gender-affirming parent, to love your child for who they are, is not child abuse.

As two cisgender men who have no personal ties, therefore, no lived experience of being trans and/or parenting a transgender child, the rhetoric they invoke holds no validity beyond the hate they seek to spread. We believe in a society where youth are not condemned to accusations of abuse from their parents for being affirmed in their gender. A child who has gender affirming parents is one who is loved. A child who has a gender affirming pediatrician is one who is well cared for. Gov. Abbott and Attorney General Paxton are leading with hate and personal interest at the forefront of their decision making.

While the letter to the Department of Family and Protective Services in Texas by Gov. Abbott and Opinion written by Attorney General Paxton are in fact not laws, we want to encourage you to help support the organizations in Texas and the surrounding states who are battling to protect the rights of children and their families to affirm their gender identities as they see fit.

Organizations such as:

[ACLU of Texas](https://www.aclutx.org/en/donating-aclu-general-information)

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[LAMBDA Legal](https://support.lambdalegal.org/site/Donation)

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[Transgender Education Network of Texas](https://secure.everyaction.com/Aluze8fLdEmlU5KgX5Ar1w2)

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