



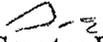
**The Public Advocate for the City of New York**

*Improving Access to City Services*

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October 23, 2007

Honorable Joseph L. Bruno  
Majority Leader  
New York State Senate  
Capitol  
Albany, NY 12247

  
Dear Senator Bruno:

**By Fax and U.S. Mail**

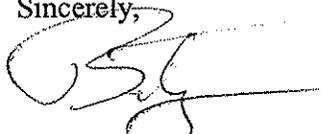
I am writing in support of the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA). I urge the Legislature to pass S3753 and the companion bill A6584. I also ask that the Governor then immediately sign the bill.

Once this law is enacted, members of the transgender community will finally be granted the protections against discrimination to which they are entitled. New York State took a long-overdue step when it passed the Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act (SONDA). Now it is time for the state to finish what it started and extend those same protections to the transgender community.

As New York City Public Advocate, I have always been a strong supporter of the LGBT community. I will continue to fight to ensure that they are not subjected to discrimination, assault and harassment based upon gender identity or expression.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Betsy Gotbaum

cc: Hon. Eliot Spitzer, New York State Governor  
Hon. Sheldon Silver, Speaker, New York State Assembly  
Empire State Pride Agenda

