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Dear Colleague,

As sponsors of the Transgender Equal Rights bill, we wanted to update you on recent developments regarding the legislation, and also invite you to testify in support of S. 764, *An Act relative to transgender equal rights*, tomorrow.

In the last two weeks, two additional states adopted transgender equal rights legislation. This includes Connecticut, whose Senate adopted language on Friday, with a pledge from their Governor to sign the legislation into law (the House adopted in May). This brings the total number of states, cities, and counties with the housing, employment, and safety protections we are working towards in Massachusetts to 151.

We hope, with your continued support, to add the Commonwealth to that list this session. This week we have another opportunity to advocate for these protections by testifying before the Joint Committee on the Judiciary on Wednesday, June 8th in Gardner Auditorium. Along with lead sponsors Representatives Carl Sciortino and Byron Rushing, we will testify together as a panel at 2pm before the Committee. We encourage you to join us at that time to stand up for transgender equal rights. As this hearing will be a long day for our partners and our colleagues on the Committee, we will deliver succinct, targeted testimony and hope that you can join with us to show the strength in our numbers.

We hope to see you tomorrow at 2pm. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ben Downing and Sonia Chang-Diaz