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Transgender Equal Rights Bill hearing TOMORROW

Dear Mike,

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary will hold a hearing on the Transgender Equal Rights Bill tomorrow, Wednesday, June 8 at 1 pm in Gardner Auditorium. There are over 30 bills being heard and there will be many people testifying on a variety of issues. **If you are planning to join us in support of the bill, please do not bring signs, and please do not engage with anyone who antagonizes you about your support of the bill.**

If you cannot come to the hearing, **please consider sending letters of support to your legislators, the Chairpersons of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, and the Speaker of the House and the Senate President.** [Click here](#) to be connected to our partners at the Anti-Defamation League to send the letter of support.

One other way that you can help us bring attention to the need to pass the Transgender Equal Rights Bill is by calling into talk radio shows. A survey of 6,500 transgender residents published last February found that transgender people have twice the rate of unemployment as the general population. Employment discrimination costs the state of Massachusetts at least \$5 million annually in lost income taxes and increased public service expenditures. **This is a message that talk radio audiences need to hear:** for WRKO shows (Tom & Todd, Michele McPhee,



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In case you missed it...

New Bedford Standard Times [editorial](#) in favor of the bill's passage.

Bay Windows [editorial](#) in favor of the bill's passage.

Standard Times political columnist Jack Spillane [tears apart](#) opposition rhetoric to the bill.

[Joint oped](#) by MassEquality Executive Director Kara

and Howie Carr), call [617.266.6868](tel:617.266.6868), and for Michael Graham on WTKK, call [617.822.1969](tel:617.822.1969).

Last, **express your opinions and reach your friends and neighbors with letters to the editors of your local newspapers.** We encourage you to send a letter to your local paper expressing support for the Transgender Equal Rights Bill. If you would like some guidance in writing your letter, please [email us!](#)

Thank you for all your support and we look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Kara S. Suffredini, Esq.

Executive Director



Suffredini and Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition Executive Director Gunner Scott calling for a civil debate on the bill.

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MassEquality works to ensure that every lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender person in Massachusetts is protected from cradle to grave—with equal rights and opportunities in school, in marriage and family life, at work and in retirement.

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