



Strasbourg, 11 March 2025

Dear President von der Leyen,

We, the undersigned members of the European Parliament, wish to express our **deep concern about the alarming anti-trans policies that have been implemented in the United States since President Donald Trump's inauguration**. We are deeply troubled by policies that systematically undermine the rights of transgender people by denying them legal recognition of their true gender identity, restricting their access to essential transition-related medical care, and barring them from military service and sports activities consistent with their identity. These policies, which include refusing to issue official documents that reflect a person's authentic gender and threatening to withdraw federal funding from administrations that uphold gender and diversity policies, create an environment in which discrimination and hatred can thrive.

The consequences of these actions extend far beyond the borders of the United States. They exacerbate the vulnerability of LGBTIQ+ communities - where hate crimes are alarmingly prevalent - and set a dangerous precedent for the international community by eroding hard-won protections against discrimination and violence. Such developments risk inspiring similar regressive policies in other countries, undermining our collective commitment to human rights and equality.

In light of these serious concerns, we urge the European Commission to take decisive action. **We call for the strengthening of measures to protect transgender rights in the European Union, fully in line with the Charter of Fundamental Rights¹ and the LGBTIQ+ Strategy 2020-2025²**. We also urge the Commission to proactively engage through diplomatic channels to confront and counter these anti-trans policies, including considering a formal protest to the United States government. Furthermore, it is imperative that the EU strengthens and expands its reception and protection programmes for those persecuted because of their gender identity or expression, ensuring that every person finds refuge and support.

The European Union must lead by example on human rights. We expect the Commission to act with the urgency and commitment required to counter these regressive policies and uphold the fundamental rights of all individuals.

We remain hopeful that concrete steps will be taken as soon as possible to promote a future of respect, inclusion and justice for all.

Sincerely,

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/charter/pdf/text_es.pdf

² https://commission.europa.eu/system/files/2020-11/lgbtiq_factsheet_2020-2025_es.pdf