



A key law protecting transgender people is at risk here in Massachusetts

In November 2018, voters in Massachusetts will be asked at the ballot box whether to uphold the law that protects transgender people from discrimination in public places, such as restaurants, shops, and hospitals.

How did we get here?

In 2016, Freedom for All Massachusetts successfully advocated for legislation that updated Massachusetts' nondiscrimination law to include protections for transgender people in public places. Governor Baker signed the legislation into law in July 2016.

A short time later, opponents of the law gathered a relatively small number of signatures to place the law on the ballot for repeal in 2018.

The victory we worked so hard to win is now at risk.

What's next?

The Freedom for All Massachusetts campaign is gearing up to fight this dangerous and discriminatory repeal effort.

This is a campaign we can not lose. If Massachusetts repeals transgender protections it will have a serious impact on people's lives here at home, as well as families, communities, and the entire state's economy.

And, it also sets a dangerous precedent by becoming the first ever state in the nation to roll back transgender rights at the ballot.

What to expect

Opponents of this law, the same groups that opposed same-sex marriage, will use fear and misinformation to further their cause.

We are pulling out all the stops to educate the voting public that there is no evidence this law makes women and children less safe. Safety advocates including law enforcement and anti-sexual assault organization leaders agree. Since the law went into effect, there have been no issues of people abusing the law. Moreover, many cities, including Boston, have had these protections for more than a decade with no issues.



The state's leading law enforcement agencies and associations, statewide women's and victims' rights advocacy groups, major employers, our championship sports teams, faith leaders —all standing together to support equal treatment for our transgender neighbors, family and friends.

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WHAT IS A PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION?

In 2016, Massachusetts passed non-discrimination protections for our transgender friends, family and neighbors in public spaces—any place we are when not at home, work or school. This includes, but is not limited to:



Retail Stores and Malls

Restaurants

Hotels

Medical Offices

Public Parks

Theatres

Public Transportation

The people of Massachusetts support equal protections under the law for our transgender neighbors, family and friends.

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