



The Belmont Human Rights Commission (BHRC) enthusiastically supports the rights of the transgender community. As such, we strongly condemn the proliferation of anti-trans legislation being brought forward in many states around the U.S. The BHRC is following the ongoing battle in Arkansas over medical care and support for transgender youth in the state, the bans on trans girl athletes, and the religious exemptions for health care providers who can now refuse to treat LGBTQ patients in non-emergency situations. According to the [Human Rights Campaign](#), over 80 such anti-trans bills have been introduced in 2021 at the state level, the highest number in history. The BHRC strongly supports the efforts to fight back against these attempts to take away people's rights. When the government takes away people's rights, we all are at risk.

If you are interested in learning more about trans rights, the American Civil Liberties Union ([ACLU](#)) has many resources on their website, or, for more local coverage, the BHRC recommends the Boston Alliance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Youth ([BAGLY](#)) website. And, of course, you can contact your local officials to find out their stance on trans rights and to make your voice be heard.

The Belmont Human Rights Commission is dedicated to fighting discrimination in all forms and to increasing visibility and awareness of issues regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion. If you have experienced discrimination in Belmont, please contact us at belmont.hrc@gmail.com or call 617-993-2795.