



Press Conference Centering GHSA's Recent Ban: Attacks on Trans Youth in Schools & Recent Extremist Threats of Violence

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Georgia Youth Justice Coalition (GYJC) will host a press conference to discuss the effects of GHSA's ban on trans youth and recent extremist threats of violence as a backlash to youth organizing attempts.

On Wednesday, May 4th, 2022, the Georgia High School Association voted unanimously behind closed doors to ban transgender athletes from participating on the sports team that aligns with their gender identity. This vote was enabled by House Bill 1084, which authorized direct discrimination of transgender students. The choice to target and exclude transgender students in Georgia's schools is dangerous, discriminatory, divisive, and wrong.

On Sunday, June 12th, GYJC intended to host a Solidarity Rally to share the stories of trans youth facing discrimination from the GHSA ban. The night before the rally, one of GYJC's student organizers received a credible death threat from an anonymous anti-trans extremist including details about the time and location of the rally. After a month of student organizing and planning, GYJC made the decision to cancel the rally, prioritizing the safety of everyone involved; especially our trans organizers and attendees.

Hatred and anti-trans extremism will not deter us in the fight for equality for trans students. Georgia Youth Justice Coalition, in partnership with Georgia Equality, Atlanta Pride, PLFAG, Our Turn GA, Feminist Women's Health Center, SOJOURN, and more, will join students, teachers, allies, and community members at a press conference on Wednesday, June 15th, 2022 at 10:00 AM ET. GYJC will continue to stand in solidarity with trans students to demand adequate change for a better future for these youth.

This event will begin at 10:00 ET on Wednesday, June 15th, [via zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4842344961). Please use this Zoom link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4842344961>