



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Daniel L. Squadron

## RESOURCE PAGE: GENDA AND TRANSGENDER EQUALITY IN NEW YORK

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On October 24th, State Senator Daniel Squadron and Assembly Member Richard Gottfried -- the sponsors of the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA) -- hosted a public forum on pending legislation that would prohibit discrimination based on gender identity and break down barriers to equality.

Video of the entire forum is available below and [at this link](#). Video of law enforcement's testimony is available [here](#).

The forum brought together transgender New Yorkers and their families, law enforcement, advocates, and public officials from around the state to testify on the obstacles to equality faced by many transgender individuals, and the potential impact of the Squadron-Gottfried legislation.

It is legal in New York for a person to lose their job or be evicted from their home because of their gender identity (except where local anti-discrimination laws have been enacted).

GENDA (S.6349/Squadron - A.5039/Gottfried) would prohibit discrimination against transgender New Yorkers when it comes to housing, employment, credit, and public accommodations, while expanding New York's hate crime laws to include crimes against transgender individuals.

GENDA has passed the Assembly five times, but has remained stalled in the Republican-controlled Senate.

The following is a collection of testimony and resources provided by the forum's participating individuals and organizations.

**VIDEO:** [GENDA Public Forum](#) from [Daniel Squadron](#) on [Vimeo](#).

**Personal Testimony:**

[Senator Tom Duane](#)

[Melissa Sklarz](#)

[Rex Butt](#)

**Empire State Pride Agenda:**

[Testimony: GENDA Forum, October 24, 2012](#)

[Reports and Resources](#)

[GENDA Q&A](#)

[NY Labor Support for GENDA](#)

[NY Women's Organizations Support for GENDA](#)

[NY Pulpit Support for GENDA](#)

**Housing Works:**

Housing Works Services

**National Gay and Lesbian Task Force:**

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Injustice at Every Turn: A Report on the National Transgender Discrimination Survey

Findings of the National Transgender Discrimination Survey: New York Results

Transgender Issues

**New York Association for Gender Rights Advocacy (NYAGRA):**

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Transgender Health Care Provider Directory

**New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU):**

Testimony: GENDA Forum, October 24, 2012

Report: Advancing Transgender Civil Rights in New York: The Need for GENDA (2012)

Fact Sheet: Why GENDA Matters

**Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund:**

The Name Change Project

**New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NYSCASA):**

Statement on GENDA

**Legal Services NYC:**

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Legal Support Unit

**Interfaith Impact of New York State:**

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