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RE: (S.2475B Hoylman) AN ACT to amend the family court act, the executive law, the civil practice law and rules, the criminal procedure law, the education law, the public health law and the insurance law, in relation to gender-affirming care

Dear Ms. Fine:

We are writing to you about the above-referenced bill which would prohibit the arrest, extradition, and loss or suspension of license of physicians and other authorized health care providers in New York who perform lawful gender-affirming care to individuals from states with restrictions on gender-affirming care access. **The Medical Society of the State of New York supports this measure and urges that it be signed into law.**

MSSNY has long maintained policy to protect physicians against legal sanction for providing patients with needed medical care. Furthermore, in 2021, the MSSNY House of Delegates adopted policy that states that: "The Medical Society of the State of New York supports physicians in New York who provide gender-affirming care to people including transgender and non-binary youth. MSSNY opposes the criminalization of providing gender-affirming care for youth. (HOD 2021-157)."

This measure would importantly provide protection for physicians who provide gender-affirming care for those in need, regardless of where they live, from prosecution and having their license revoked or suspended. Therefore, the **Medical Society of the State of New York supports this legislation and urges that it be signed into law.**

Sincerely,

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