

# Formulating Jewish Talking Points for State-Level Anti-Trans Legislation

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## Idea-Generating Questions

What's one piece of legislation that you saw last session in your state with regards to LGBTQ+ rights? Was it positive or negative?

What ended up happening with it? Did it go into law or was it defeated?

Why is legislation like this important to you?

What Jewish values inform your commitment to trans and LGBTQ+ rights?

What action would you like your legislators to take with regards to trans and LGBTQ+ rights?

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## The types of legislation we often talk about include:

- Bans or restrictions on gender-affirming health care
- Obstacles to name and/or gender marker changes
- Legislation affecting the way trans youth are treated in school (including bathroom usage and sports)

## The Jewish values we often draw upon are:

- *Pikuach Nefesh* - the idea that our highest priority as Jews is protecting life
- *B'tzelem Elohim* - the idea that all human beings are created in the infinite and creative image of the Divine
- *Kavod*, or respect, allows our trans siblings to thrive

## Sample Script:

Hi, my name is **[your name]** and I'm a constituent from **[where you live]**. I'm contacting you on behalf of the Thrive Coalition, which represents hundreds of Jewish organizations nationwide in support of trans and LGBTQ+ rights. I want to know that I can count on you to support trans and LGBTQ+ rights in our state legislature. Last session, we saw **[this bill/this type of bill]** **[proposed/go into effect]**, and I wanted to express my **[concern/support]** for similar bills in the next legislative session.

Legislation like this is important to me because \_\_\_\_\_.  
As a member of the Jewish community, I support trans rights because \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for your time!