



27th March, 2026

To,

The Hon'ble President of India,
Smt. Droupadi Murmu,
Rashtrapati Bhavan,
New Delhi.

Subject: An Urgent and Humble Appeal from the Parents of Indian Transgender Youth Regarding the Transgender Persons Amendment Bill, 2026

Respected Madam President,

We write to you today not just as citizens of this great democratic republic, but as concerned parents. We represent Sweekar - The Rainbow Parents, a nationwide support group of parents who unconditionally love, accept, and proudly stand by our transgender, non-binary, and queer children.

We approach you, the highest constitutional authority and the guiding light of our nation, with hearts filled with deep anguish for the safety and well-being of our children. The recent passage of the Transgender Persons Amendment Bill 2026 by both houses of Parliament has pushed our families into a state of profound despair.

Our primary instinct is to protect our children from harm and humiliation. In 2014, the Hon'ble Supreme Court's landmark NALSA judgment gave our families immense hope. That historic ruling explicitly recognized our children's fundamental right to self-identify their gender, guaranteeing their dignity, equality, and bodily autonomy under the Constitution.

Yet, this new bill shatters that constitutional guarantee. What breaks our hearts further is the cruel irony of this moment. Madam President, it was this very government that passed the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act in 2019. When the initial 2016 draft proposed "District Screening Committees" to validate identities, our children spoke out against the deep trauma of forcing a human being to physically and psychologically prove their existence to a panel of strangers. At that time, the government listened and corrected itself, removing those draconian boards to allow for self-declaration.

Hon'ble Rashtrapati Ji, we are staring down a severe mental health crisis. The constant demand to prove their humanity is breaking our children. Young trans and queer individuals are losing hope, and the terrifying prospect of our children bereft of their identities keeps us awake at night.

One devastating outcome of this law will be the systematic erosion of the safety nets we have fought so hard to build. We foresee a future where healthcare providers step back, counsellors withdraw, and social support systems falter—all gripped by the fear of criminalisation. What once offered hope is now being replaced by silence and hesitation.

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We humbly fold our hands and implore you to intervene. As the supreme custodian of the Constitution, we urge you to withhold your assent to this regressive and unconstitutional bill.

Please do not let the state strip our children of their agency and their place in their own country.

We place our utmost faith in your wisdom, your empathy, and your commitment to protecting the most vulnerable among us.

With our deepest respects and hopeful prayers,

Sweekar - The Rainbow Parents
(Representing families of LGBTQIA+ citizens across India)