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To the Boulder County Community,

The Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) has proposed a rule called “Community Planning and Development Housing Programs: Making Admission or Placement Determinations Based on Sex in Facilities” that would allow discrimination against transgender people in HUD-funded programs and shelters. This would undo protections created by the Equal Access Rule that stated that individuals have a right to access programs and services according to their gender identity and ensured that they are not subject to invasive questioning about their sex.

Nearly 1 out of 3 transgender people have experienced homelessness at some point in their lives according to the U.S. Transgender Survey (National Center for Transgender Equality, 2015). Removing these protections for transgender people leaves them vulnerable to being turned away from shelters and pushed to the streets.

It is especially important to protect transgender access to shelters and transitional housing during a pandemic health crisis and economic downturn, both of which affect marginalized community members at higher rates. Access to housing, shelter, and other essential services are life-saving.

Additional information available here: <https://housingsaveslives.org/>

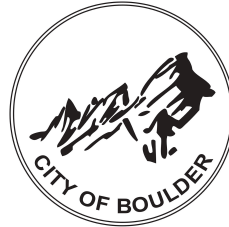
2015 US Transgender Survey available here: <http://www.ustranssurvey.org/reports>

In order to continue to protect the right of transgender people to access shelters that best align with their gender identity, the agencies listed below make the following commitments:

- 1) To uphold individual’s rights to access shelter and other services according to their gender identity.**
- 2) To ensure that individuals are not subject to invasive questions about their sex while using or seeking services.**

Sincerely,

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Mother House (The Lodge)
Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence
Attention Homes
Boulder Shelter for the Homeless
Bridge House
HOPE
The Inn Between
Boulder County Commissioners



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