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Testimony of State Senator Brad Hoylman on the New York City Council's Proposed Legislation Relating to Sex Designations on Birth Records

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on legislation being considered by the New York City Council Health Committee relating to amending sex designation on birth records and establishing an advisory board on gender marker change requirements.

I commend Council Member Corey Johnson and his fellow co-sponsors for introducing this important legislation. Under existing City policy, transgender New Yorkers who wish to amend the gender markers on their birth certificates must have undergone specific surgical procedures, and are required to provide extensive medical and psychological records. Under Council Member Johnson's legislation, those who wish to amend the gender markers on their birth certificates will simply be required to provide certification from licensed health or mental health professionals that the applicant's sex designation on their birth certificate does not match or align with the applicant's affirmed sex or gender identity.

The proposed legislation being discussed today will alleviate an arbitrary, costly, and intrusive burden on transgender New Yorkers, and bring New York City policy into the 21st century. I strongly support its passage, and urge New York State to adopt a corresponding policy.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share my comments, and for the City Council's continuing commitment to equality for all New York City residents.