



Demand UPMC in Pittsburgh Continue Saving Trans Lives: How to Invite Partner Organizations to Support the Rally

We need to build a mobilization of many organizations and communities — to both demonstrate support but also practically for them to help get the word out about the rally to maximize the number of people who show up.

Below are sample emails you can send to community organization leaders to attend and also speak at your rally.

Possible organizations to reach out to: other LGBTQ+ community organizations, other marginalized community groups, civic associations, local chapters of the NAACP, student organizations, faith-based institutions, unions, and more.

If you have additional questions on how to reach out to organizations to support your rally, please contact us at info@payouthcongress.org.

Sample Invitation for Partner Organizations to Co-Sponsor:

Dear **[Name of Organization Leader]**,

I am writing to invite your organization to support our local rally "Demand UPMC in Pittsburgh Continue Saving Trans Lives" at **[Location Name and Address]** on **Thursday, April 3rd, 2025** at **[Time]**. As a supporting organization you agree to lend your logo for the promotional materials and share the word about the rally throughout your networks. We are not asking for any money to be a co-sponsoring organization.

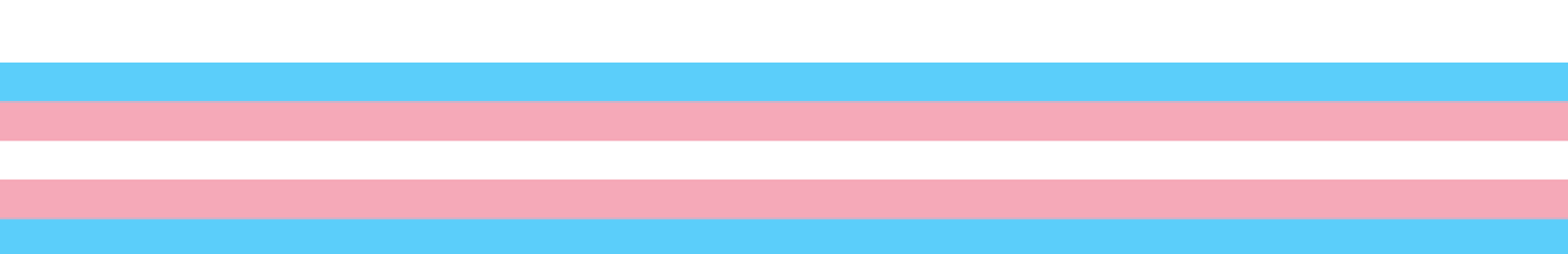
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The rally calls for: 1) Reinstate gender affirming care at CHP in Pittsburgh; 2) Publicly welcome new patients who are seeking services from out of state; 3) Establish an advisory committee for UPMC's administration on gender affirming care, comprised of transgender youth and community leaders, and healthcare professionals; and, 4) Not retaliate against our communities and continue funding for local programs and LGBTQ+ healthcare.

With the utmost respect: Now is the time to be united with our local LGBTQ+ community. You rally with us now, or you don't.

When they are taking away healthcare from our children, we need you to use your platform to stand with us. When our communities, public officials, and civic leaders all join together as one to push back, we can save lives.



Please confirm as soon as possible if you would like to have your organization listed as a co-sponsor of the rally by responding to this email. If you have any questions, please reach out by email or phone at **[your phone number]**.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Sample Invitation for Partner Organizations to Co-Sponsor and Speak:

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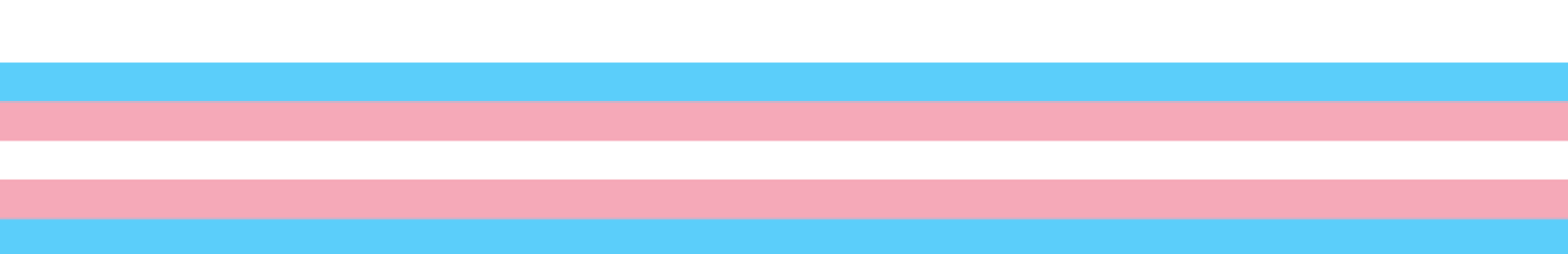
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We welcome you to be a supporting organization, and also to have a representative share very brief remarks (no more than 2-3 minutes) alongside other community leaders and invited public officials. We ask that you speak in support of transgender children and youth in our community and express that you oppose discrimination against transgender people.



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