

Demand UPMC in Pittsburgh Continue Saving Trans Lives: How to Invite Public Officials to Your Rally

The presence and vocal support of public officials in this advocacy is vital.

Below are sample emails you can send to public officials to attend and also speak at your rally.

If you do not know who your local state Representatives or Senators are, click [here](#).

If you do not know the email address of your state Representatives or Senators, please reach out to us at info@payouthcongress.org.

You can visit the website of your local and county governments to identify municipal officials (Mayors, Borough Councilmembers, Township Commissioners/Supervisors, City Council members, County Commissioners/Councilmembers, etc.) and their contact information.

Sample Invitation for Public Officials to Attend:

Dear **[Representative/Senator/Mayor/etc. _____]**,

I am writing to invite you to attend our local rally "Demand UPMC in Pittsburgh Continue Saving Trans Lives" at **[Location Name and Address]** on **Thursday, April 3rd, 2025** at **[Time]**. The rally is supported by **[Name of Supporting Organizations]**.

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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 — a decision that will always follow you.

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 plan to attend 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 Public Officials to Attend AND Speak:

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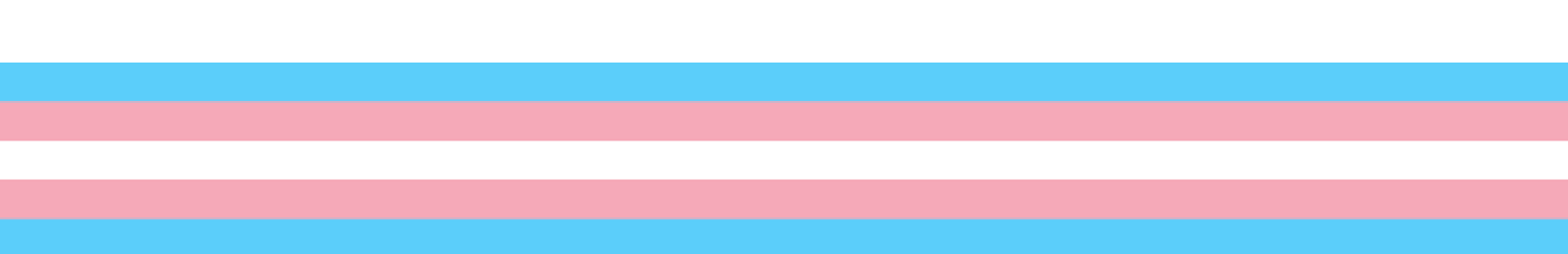
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We invite you to attend, and to share very brief remarks (no more than 2-3 minutes) alongside other community leaders and other invited public officials. We ask that you speak in support of transgender children and youth in our community and express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

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