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# #StopSB6: Senate Bill 6 Is about Discrimination

## What is Senate Bill 6?

SB6 forbids city and other local governments from requiring that transgender people be able to use public restrooms or changing facilities that are appropriate for their gender identity. Even worse, the bill actually requires discrimination by barring transgender people from using public restrooms that are appropriate for them in public schools, universities and other government buildings.

## Why is SB 6 wrong?

- SB 6 is simply about discrimination, singling out transgender people — including students in our public schools — for harm in communities all across Texas. It's just one of at least a dozen proposed bills that together would authorize discrimination against LGBT Texans in virtually all aspects of their lives.
- It's absurd to turn officials at schools and public agencies into potty police. And it's bad public policy and, frankly, mean-spirited to fine schools thousands of dollars for simply allowing transgender people — including students and other Texans — to use the restroom in peace and without harassment.
- This is a bill in search of a problem. Entering a public restroom to harm someone is already a crime. Scores of cities and states across the country, including cities in Texas, already protect the freedom of transgender people to use restrooms that are appropriate for them. None have reported any increase in public safety issues.
- If this bill passes, transgender Texans would face the impossible choice of breaking the law or putting themselves at risk by using a restroom that clearly doesn't accord with their appearance and gender identity. Many would be forced to avoid public spaces altogether.
- This bill is similar to North Carolina's job-killing law that enforces discrimination against LGBT people. Businesses are already warning that passing SB 6 would bring to Texas the same economic backlash and damage that North Carolina legislators brought on their state.