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**Sub: Proposed legislation on legal gender recognition and access to gender-affirming care**

Dear Mr. Carlsson and members of the Committee,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the European Professional Association of Transgender Health (EPATH). EPATH is the largest network of healthcare professionals in Europe who have come together with the aim of promoting the mental, physical, and social health of transgender people in Europe and to increase their quality of life.

We are closely following the developments on the proposed legal reform on legal gender recognition and access to trans-specific healthcare.

We welcome the proposal to separate the law on legal gender recognition from access to trans-specific surgical intervention and that the proposal enables non-binary people to access legal gender recognition and genital surgeries. We also support the removal of third-party approvals to access genital surgeries.

We consider this proposal to be an important development for trans people in Sweden and are confident that it will bring many positive and tangible changes for trans people who are seeking to legally and medically transition in Sweden.

The proposed laws on legal gender recognition and trans-specific surgical procedures will be a strong step forward for removal of abusive requirements to access legal gender recognition. We urge the Committee to treat the proposal as a priority and encourage its timely adoption.

Respectfully,

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