



THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO

Re: U.S. Military Ban on Transgender Individuals

“Banning Transgender Americans from military service is despicable, discriminatory and downright anti-American. The President’s blatant dismissal of those who would willingly put their lives on the line to protect our nation is disgraceful and goes against the very values Donald Trump claims to want to protect. This bigoted decision is the latest misstep from a White House that is determined to roll back progress and equality in the name of hate. In these troubling times, it has never been more important to stand in solidarity with LGBTQ, gender non-conforming and marginalized communities, and this City Council will continue to fight to defend the rights of all New Yorkers.”