

TDLEF Secures Groundbreaking Settlement

Dear Friends,

Today, TLDEF [Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund] and our partners at NYCLU and our pro bono partner BakerHostetler are pleased to announce a settlement agreement for our client Jena Faith, a transgender woman and military veteran who was wrongfully housed in a men's facility at Steuben County Jail where she experienced abuse, sexual harassment, and denial of prescribed medication.

Ms. Faith's settlement will radically change how transgender inmates will be treated in the Steuben County Jail. But it has also established one of the most robust policies found anywhere in the country that jails and prisons can and should adopt to ensure the basic dignity of transgender people.

Nearly one in six transgender people have been detained or experienced incarceration. That figure drastically increases to a staggering 50% for Black transgender people. The new policies established under this settlement directly seeks to prevent future incidents of violence and discrimination.

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