

# Seeking 'equal protection' for transsexuals in prison

Dear *GCN*:

As a transsexual confined in a federal penitentiary, I am requesting the assistance of any transsexual who is (or has been) confined in a federal institution. Though I worked as a legal research clerk in society, I have found trying to get the feds to give transsexuals estrogen or other treatment an uphill battle. The law requires that they provide diagnosed transsexuals with some form of treatment, but they evade the issue in many manners; mostly by making things within the system difficult for us.

However, I have finally found a substantial 'equal protection' claim that could entitle transsexuals to receive estrogen. Specifically, the federal prison system has been unofficially providing estrogen to transsexuals in 'low security' institutions (e.g. Butner, Lexington, Ft. Worth, Danbury, etc.) but has continuously denied such treatment to transsexuals in 'higher security' institutions.

This is a plain violation of the 'equal protection' clause to the US Constitution. However, in order to succeed on this claim I need the cooperation of any transsexual who is currently or in the past has received treatment for transsexualism while in federal custody. All I need is a sworn statement from you stating in what federal institution you received such treatment and what type of treatment you received. Please send your information via an outside source.

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