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**NVHR and HEP Statement on Administration Rule Reducing Protections for Transgender Patients**

**June 15, 2020** – The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (NVHR) and the Hepatitis Education Project (HEP) today released the following statement on the Trump Administration rule that rolls back anti-discrimination protections for transgender patients:

“NVHR and HEP strongly oppose the recent Trump Administration rule that eliminates important anti-discrimination protections for transgender patients. The rule creates additional barriers to care for transgender individuals, which is especially harmful during a global pandemic. For too long, the trans community has been omitted from public health programs, including from the national hepatitis response, leading to exclusion from key recommendations and prevalence estimates. NVHR and HEP are committed to fighting the erasure of transgender individuals and will continue working towards greater health equity.”

To read the statement online, please visit <https://nvhr.org/NVHR-HEP-statement-on-admin-rule-reducing-protection-for-transgender-patients>.

**About the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (NVHR)**

The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable, a program of [HEP](#), is a national coalition working together to eliminate viral hepatitis in the United States. NVHR’s vision is a healthier world without viral hepatitis. NVHR’s work is guided and informed by our beliefs and commitment to: Participation, Inclusiveness, Intersectionality, Health Equity, and Stigma Elimination. For more information, visit [www.nvhr.org](http://www.nvhr.org).

**About the Hepatitis Education Project (HEP)**

The Hepatitis Education Project is a Seattle-based non-profit organization that has been providing support, education, advocacy and direct services for people affected by hepatitis over 25 years. HEP is a leading agency in supporting policy change to improve access to care and treatment and increasing city, state, and federal viral hepatitis funding. For more information, visit [www.hepeducation.org](http://www.hepeducation.org).