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**BY EMAIL**

Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman  
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Dear President Berman:

As faculty members of Yeshiva University's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, we are writing to express our profound disappointment that Yeshiva University continues to enforce a discriminatory policy that harms its LGBTQ+ undergraduate students and has gone so far as to seek the intervention of the United States Supreme Court in this matter. Before the initiation of this litigation, a group of us met with you to communicate our views that YU was acting in a way that was both improper and illegal. You expressed your profound respect for all YU students. You promised that principle would guide the University's future actions. The position taken by YU in litigation, however, does not communicate respect to all of its students.

As a member of the Yeshiva University community, Cardozo Law School has consistently supported and respected our LGBTQ+ students without hesitation. Undergraduate students deserve no less, and the courts have confirmed that the University is violating the law by refusing to permit YU's Pride Alliance to meet on the same terms as other student organizations. Even if the law were otherwise, YU's continued discrimination would be wrong and contrary to the very principles that bind us together in community.

We write, once again, to ask you to accept the New York State court's ruling, to withdraw the request to the Supreme Court, and to treat the YU Pride Alliance with the same respect and dignity Yeshiva shows other student organizations.

Very truly yours,

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