

Open Letter in Support of LGBTQ+ students from the faculty of the undergraduate schools, Yeshiva College, Stern College, and Sy Syms School of Business

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We the undersigned members of the undergraduate faculty of Yeshiva College, Stern College, and the Sy Syms School of Business write this letter to proclaim our support for the LGBTQ+ students of the colleges.

YU's public litigation tactics, seeking relief from a state court decision requiring recognition of the Pride Alliance, have caused LGBTQ+ members of our broader college community to feel deeply vulnerable in an institution of higher learning that should be a safe academic home for them. If President Berman's statement of his "unshakeable commitment" to the college's LGBTQ+ students is sincere, then those students are minimally entitled to the university's recognition of the Pride Alliance, whose primary goal is to ensure that our LGBTQ+ students feel safe and welcome on campus.

YU's public opposition to recognizing the Pride Alliance, going so far as to seek emergency relief from a state court order, harms our reputation within the broader academic community, identifying the undergraduate programs with political forces of extreme homophobia and intolerance that should have no place at our university.

We appreciate and endorse what our colleagues at [Cardozo](#), [Ferkau](#), and [Einstein](#) have written publicly on this issue, each offering their own distinctive perspective in support of our LGBTQ+ students. Given that the undergraduate Pride Alliance is at the center of this current controversy, as undergraduate faculty, we feel particularly compelled to speak up for the sake of the protection and well-being of our students, and for the sake of the ethical integrity of the university to which we have devoted our academic careers.

Sincerely,

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