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NY State Senator Julia Salazar, NYC Council Members, Tiffany Cabán, Cecilia Gentili (from Pose on FX) and more will rally to end intersex genital mutilation

Prominent public officials and human rights advocates will gather at St. Catherine's Park, August 7th

NEW YORK, NY -- Intersex activists, elected officials and allies will march and rally in NYC on August 7th at 2pm EST to demand an [end to intersex genital mutilation at Weill Cornell Medicine](#).

In June, [New York State passed a resolution condemning intersex genital mutilation](#) and [NYC Health + Hospitals subsequently halted un-consented surgery on intersex children](#) network-wide. The NYC Council also passed INT. 1748-2019, requiring an education campaign for healthcare providers and parents of intersex newborns; the NY State Assembly is hearing a related bill in committee.

Despite the advancement of intersex rights in NYC public hospitals, non-consensual and medically unnecessary surgeries are still performed on intersex children daily as hospital systems like Weill Cornell profit off of harming intersex youth. [Healthcare providers like Dr. Dix Poppas face no consequences for causing severe and permanent physical and psychological trauma](#), and survivors have no legal recourse. Activists and supporters will gather to pressure the system to end these practices and hold bad actors like Poppas accountable, meanwhile enshrining protections into law.

Additional Background: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/07/25/us-harmful-surgery-intersex-children>

Speakers at the event will include but are not limited to:

- **Sean Saifa Wall**, Co-founder, Intersex Justice Project
- **Alicia Roth Weigel**, Human Rights Commissioner, City of Austin
- **Scout Silverstein**, FEDUP Collective
- **Cecilia Gentili**, Actress from Pose on FX, Principal at Trans Equity Consulting
- **Julia Salazar**, New York State Senator
- **Tiffany Cabán**, Attorney, NYC Council Member-elect and Community Organizer
- **Daniel Dromm** and **Helen Rosenthal**, New York City Council Members

"For three decades, intersex activists have been fighting to interrupt this cycle of harm. This protest is not only about reconciling our past but embracing a future where people with intersex variations are treated as a whole person and not just genitals, hormones or chromosomes." -Sean Saifa Wall

"We're building national visibility for a movement that has been silenced for too long. As an intersex person, I deserve justice and as a Cornell alum, I demand accountability." -Alicia Roth Weigel

WHAT: Rally to End Intersex Surgeries at Weill Cornell Medicine

WHERE / WHEN: St. Catherine's Park at 68th Street and 1st Avenue. 2:15pm on August 7th, 2021

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