

Author Full Name : Kelly Rice**Received Date :** 05/03/2021 11:16 PM**Comments Received :**

As a member of the LGBTQ community, I am writing today to advocate for the inclusion of gender options that will be inclusive of transgender and nonbinary older adults. Transgender and nonbinary older adults face additional barriers to care and services. It is vital that we have the data to look at need and usage of older adult services by members of this community. Health disparities can not be addressed if we do not have baseline data to review.

As I support many members of my community engaging with older adults services, I am concerned that they may face harassment, discrimination, and generally unwelcoming agencies. Including expanded gender options will, I hope, help to raise awareness of this population and will encourage older adult services to focus on the needs of members of this community.