



## **NCTE And NGLTF: Documenting Transgender Discrimination**

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For what I've seen in my time as a transgender activist, one of the reasons organizations that have focused on trans issues have had a difficult time receiving funding is that there is a real lack of statistical documentation of discrimination, hate violence, and needs relating to housing, employment, healthcare, and public accommodation.

**So with those thoughts in mind, it really is no small thing that the *National Center For Transgender Equality* (NCTE) and *The Task Force* have announced the launch of a National survey on transgender discrimination.** According to the *Benefits* section of the survey's prelude:

**The results of the survey will be part of an important report on discrimination against transgender people by the National Center for Transgender Equality and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force to help create better opportunities for transgender and gender non-conforming people.**

Penn State University is the agent conducting the survey.

NCTE's Mara Keisling states this about the survey:

"This is an absolutely critical national effort. We urge all transgender and gender non-conforming people to take the survey to help guide us in making better laws and policies that will improve the quality of life for all transgender people. We need everyone's voice in this, everyone's participation."

To the transgender readership here at *Pam's House Blend*, as well as those who identify as being of any sort of trans history, I join with NCTE and *The Task Force* in requesting your participation in this study. Please take the time to fill out the survey: the documentation will be of assistance to not only those of us who identify as being trans or as being of trans history, but will be of help those who come out in the future as transgender, transsexual, genderqueer, crossdressers, etc.