

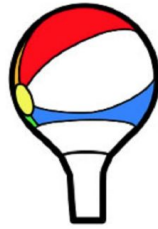
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**PENSACOLA  
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**LGBTQ LEADERS TO RALLY IN PROTEST OF ANTI-LGBTQ BILLS THIS  
SUNDAY AT SEVILLE SQUARE**

The transgender advocacy group Strive will host the rally which will feature Dr. Alexys Hillman as a guest speaker

**PENSACOLA, FL-** LGBTQ+ local community advocates are outraged at eight anti-LGBTQ+ bills that have been introduced into the Florida state legislature since January of this year. Community leaders argue that these bills directly target transgender people across all walks of life. The most concerning bill introduced is HB1365/SB1864, which would make it a felony for doctors to treat transgender youth who are seeking to start puberty blockers and Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT). Not only would this bill ban transgender youth from starting puberty blockers and HRT, but would force those already on them to stop, which can have **disastrous effects on the patient's health**. Local physician's argue that to stop providing healthcare to these individuals mid-transition would be a violation of the hippocratic oath.

“They are taking away safe spaces from people who need it the most, at one of the most vulnerable times in their lives. They are inserting themselves where they do not belong -- in the physician's examination room -- and mandating that we ignore evidence-based medicine that states that gender-affirming care is the best option for these people,” explains Dr. Alexys Hillman, owner of Pensacola Osteopaths. Dr. Hillman is one of the only physicians in the area who openly treats transgender patients with Hormone Replacement Therapy. If this bill passes, Dr. Hillman and any doctor who continues to support transgender patients would be made a felon.

The transgender advocacy group Strive will host an emergency rally which will feature Dr. Hillman as a guest speaker. The rally will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 2. Strive plans to provide a call to action, educational materials, and other resources for the community.

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## About Pensacola Osteopaths

***Pensacola Osteopaths*** opened in May 2018 as Northwest Florida's only dedicated osteopathic manipulation clinic, emphasizing holistic health care and manual medicine to treat a wide range of health issues and complaints. Dr Alexys Hillman is a former U.S. Army officer who graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Temple University ROTC and then from Western University College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. She utilized her osteopathic skills in the Army and now, with her husband, is dedicated to the Pensacola area and helping the citizenry of NWFL in any way they can. They are parents to two boys, Ari and Dominic.

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