

U.S. Attorney Rollins statement regarding alleged threats made to Boston Children's Hospital

"News about the alleged threats directed at Boston Children's Hospital transgender health program is disturbing to say the least.

Children deserve an opportunity to thrive and grow as their own authentic selves. Parents/guardians and health care providers who support them in that journey should be allowed to do so free of threats and harassment. I want to make it clear that the Department of Justice will ensure equal protection of transgender people under the law.

As Attorney General Merrick Garland recently said, "At the Justice Department, we view confronting hate crimes as both our legal and our moral obligation." I have made confronting hate crimes a priority of my administration, establishing a unit dedicated to the investigation and prosecution of civil rights violations. We also have worked tirelessly to send a message to hate groups that the U.S. Attorney's Office is open for business.

Our newly established hotline, 1-83-END-H8-NOW has resulted in dozens of calls and we will continue to pursue all leads. While free speech is indeed the cornerstone of our great nation, fear, intimidation and threats are not. I will not sit idly by and allow hate-based criminal activity to continue in our District."