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The *Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal* (“*AELJ*”) strongly and unequivocally condemns Yeshiva University’s treatment of its LGBTQ+ undergraduate students. New York courts found that Yeshiva University’s refusal to recognize and fund the undergraduate LGBTQ+ group, Pride Alliance, was in violation of NYC Human Rights Law because Yeshiva University is chartered as an educational corporation, receives public funds, and is, therefore, not eligible for the Human Rights Law religious corporation exemption. Yeshiva now petitions the Supreme Court of the United States to stay that judgment so it may continue to discriminate against LGBTQ+ students in the name of religious freedom.

As a top ranked journal for arts, entertainment, and intellectual property in the United States, *AELJ* is committed to ensuring that all our scholars, subscribers, and staff members know that regardless of the Supreme Court’s ruling, *AELJ* will continue to recognize the inherent human dignity of all persons and the value of diversity in the development of scholarship. We stand with the other Cardozo and Yeshiva University student organizations condemning the university’s discriminatory practices. *AELJ* reiterates the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law’s commitment to create a space that is inclusive of all persons, including those with sexual orientations and gender expressions Yeshiva University refuses to recognize.

Signed,

Cardozo AELJ Editorial Board