



National LGBT  
Chamber of Commerce



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The Honorable Corey Johnson  
NYC Council Speaker  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

**NGLCC and NGLCCY Oppose NYC Data Bill That Endangers Consumer Privacy**

Dear Speaker Johnson,

We write to you today on behalf of the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) and our New York affiliate and regional office, NGLCCNY. This letter is to inform you of our strong opposition to the pending NYC Council legislation that we believe would violate the privacy rights of LGBT business owners and all New Yorkers.

As you know, Int. 2311 would force food delivery platforms to provide personal information of customers to restaurants without consent and would place no limitation on what restaurants do with the data or how they handle it. This would create frequent and insecure transfers of consumer data, including full name, home address, email, phone number, and more.

This bill jeopardizes sensitive LGBT business owner and other consumers' data and places the onus of privacy protection on business owners and individuals through a burdensome opt-out process. As we know you are aware, this legislation is particularly problematic for a community that has already faced heightened risk in navigating confidentiality and security in an online environment. The default should not be for business owners and consumers to have their personal information shared every time they place an order with establishments that are unlikely to have the appropriate security guidelines in place.

Simply put, this proposed legislation is bad public policy and should not move forward.

Best,

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