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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

**Attorneys to Announce Fourteenth Amendment, ADA Case on Behalf of
Transgender Woman Held in Maryland Correctional Facilities**

*Lawsuit filed on grounds of assault, hormone denial, segregation, discrimination and
gross negligence*

What: Brown, Goldstein & Levy attorneys will host a press conference on **April 19, 2023, at 11:00 A.M.**, in Baltimore, Maryland to announce the filing of a lawsuit on behalf of Ms. Chelsea Gilliam, a transgender woman held pretrial at the Baltimore City Correctional Center and the Maryland Reception, Diagnostic and Classification Center for six months.

According to the complaint, between both facilities, Ms. Gilliam suffered sexual assault, harassment, denial of her hormones, segregation, discrimination, and ultimately, gross negligence because she is transgender. The lawsuit alleges violations of the Fourteenth Amendment and Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as gross negligence.

Both BGL attorneys and Ms. Gilliam will be available for questions and interviews following the press conference – please contact the media representative listed above for details.

Who: Brown, Goldstein & Levy Partner Eve Hill, one of the country’s premier disability rights attorneys; Brown, Goldstein & Levy Managing Partner Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum; and lawsuit plaintiff Chelsea Gilliam.

When: April 19, 2023, at 11:00 A.M.

Where: Law Office of Brown, Goldstein & Levy, 120 E Baltimore Street, Suite 2500, Baltimore, MD 21202 (Remote participation is available – a Zoom link will be made available to reporters the morning of the press conference.)

Why: The lawsuit covers what Brown, Goldstein & Levy believes to be an egregious violation of the Fourteenth Amendment, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the applicable standard of care, because of the sexual assault, hormone denial, harassment, and segregation Ms. Gilliam experienced. The Americans with Disabilities Act violation is based on a precedent set by an earlier 2022 case, *Williams v. Kincaid*, which affirms that gender dysphoria is a disability protected from discrimination under the ADA.

For more information, please contact the media representative listed above.

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