

On March 4 of this year, I never would have thought I'd experience the humiliation of being discriminated against as a transgender man. Being frowned at and denied service for a haircut based on my perceived gender was quite daunting.

I was disturbed that a public business would have the audacity to deny me service because I was perceived to be a woman. It was quite humiliating and shameful to be ridiculed and given the excuse that I couldn't receive a haircut for that reason. I was shocked that I experienced this form of discrimination and disrespect.

Through this experience of discrimination I hope we can build understanding and acceptance, regardless of gender or gender identity. What began as an unfortunate event, has ended in justice. I am very happy that I fought this battle and helped to win change and equal rights for women and individuals who are transgender.

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