



CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER CAUCUS

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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the California Legislative LGBT caucus, we applaud your organization for taking a stance against North Carolina's HB2 when you moved the 2016-2017 Championship Games away from the state. As you noted, HB2's repeal of LGBT protections negatively impacts your ability to provide a safe and discrimination-free atmosphere for all participants in the NCAA games.

Unfortunately, during these turbulent times, North Carolina is not the only state that has chosen to codify discrimination against LGBT people.

Last year, Kansas enacted Senate Bill 175, which authorizes campus based student groups to ban LGBT students from joining. Mississippi's House Bill 1523 enacted July 2016, allows businesses to discriminate against LGBT people. Tennessee's Senate Bill 1556, enacted March 2016, allows therapists to decline service to LGBT people. While North Carolina's HB2 generated significant negative media attention for its sweeping rollback of LGBT protections, these laws also contribute to a culture of exclusion and discrimination against LGBT people.

As you may be aware, last year California passed Assembly Bill 1887, which bans California state-funded travel to states with laws that discriminate against the LGBT community. The purpose of the law is to ensure that the spending of our state funds is aligned with our state values and to protect Californians from discrimination across state lines. North Carolina, Kansas, Tennessee and Mississippi are included in the ban.

It's our understanding that you are selecting 2018-2022 championship sites this week. On behalf of the California Legislative LGBT Caucus, we respectfully request that you do not schedule championship sites in North Carolina, Kansas, Mississippi and Tennessee. Hosting NCAA games in states with policies that discriminate against LGBT people not only places your players, spectators, and staff at risk, it sends the message that you condone the hateful policies they propagate.

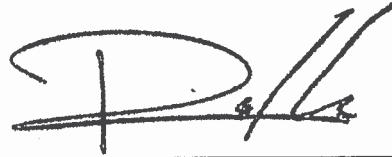
For the same reasons you chose to move the 2016-2017 championships away from North Carolina, we request that you hold all states accountable for their discrimination against LGBT people. We must take steps to ensure everyone who participates in the NCAA games is safe and free from discrimination.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

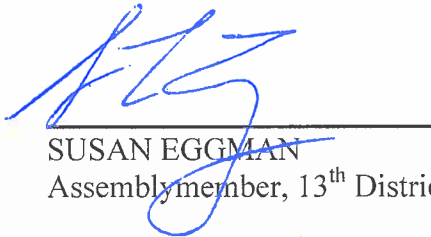
Sincerely,



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