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Dear Attorney General:

I am the Executive Officer of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), one of the oldest and most respected social science professional organizations in the United States. As a social justice organization, the Society's membership passed a resolution at its annual meeting in Seattle this past August expressing solidarity with trans and gender-nonconforming children and adults, consistent with federal law that prohibits discrimination against members of these communities. This resolution was prompted by a recent backlash at the state and local levels against these civil rights protections. This backlash has included "bathroom bills" that have had a negative impact on the lives of trans people who simply wish to use the bathroom appropriate to their gender identity.

Attached is a copy of the condensed resolution. We are writing to request that you reconsider your position on any measures or to speak out against any measures that have been taken to limit the rights of trans people in your state, consistent with federal law. Discrimination of this type is wrong and simply opens the door to discrimination on other grounds, thereby weakening the foundation of justice on which this great country was built. To see the full resolution, click here <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1975/>.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure