



CONTACT: Hayden Johnson
EMAIL: studentsenate@wayne.edu

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
20 February 2025

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY AT WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Dear campus community,

As representatives of Wayne State's diverse student body, we are responsible for representing their voices on matters that impact our community.

Wayne State's Student Senate affirms our commitment to the creation and sustaining of a campus environment which is affirming and safe, where all students, regardless of gender identity or expression can thrive academically, socially, and personally.

The last few years have seen a record number of bills to limit transgender rights. In 2024 alone, 674 bills were introduced and considered that would limit transgender rights.¹² We are also now seeing legislation and rhetoric which is attempting to deny the existence of intersex conditions and the people who have them.³

We emphasize that these policies are not based on solid scientific research but rather on misinformation and political agendas that ignore the overwhelming body of medical and psychological evidence supporting the rights and well-being of transgender and intersex individuals.⁴⁵⁶⁷ To our transgender and intersex students: you are valid, and your identity is real. Science affirms your validity, recognizing that gender diversity is a natural and important part of the human experience. You are valued members of our community, and your presence enriches our campus in countless ways. We encourage you to embrace your worth and know that you deserve respect, affirmation, and support.

We recognize the unique challenges that transgender and intersex students are currently facing, including discrimination, lack of adequate resources, and barriers to full participation in campus life. We acknowledge the importance of advocating for policies and practices that support their well-being and success. This includes access to gender-affirming healthcare, inclusive housing and facilities, chosen name and pronoun recognition, and protection from discrimination and harassment.

In short, the Senate stands by our campus community in this time of uncertainty. You will see attached to this email campus and community resources. **Please utilize them as need arises.**

Wayne State University Student Senate

Student Center Building, 5221 Gullen Mall, Room 382 | Detroit, MI 48202 | (313) 577-1010

Campus and community resources:

[The Center for Gender and Sexuality](#)

[WSU Pride](#)

[Counseling and Psychological Services](#)

[Dean of Students Office](#)

[Planned Parenthood of Michigan Hormone Therapy Services](#)

[Office of Inclusive Excellence](#)

In solidarity,



Hayden Johnson

Student Senate President

-
1. Jones T. United States of hate: mapping backlash Bills against LGBTIQ+ youth. *Sex Education*. Published online August 24, 2023:1-20. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1080/14681811.2023.2241136>
 2. Trans Legislation Tracker. 2024 anti-trans bills: Trans legislation tracker. Trans Legislation Tracker. Published 2025. <https://translegislation.com/>
 3. thisisloyal.com L. Impact of the Executive Order Redefining Sex on Transgender, Nonbinary, and Intersex People. Williams Institute. Published January 27, 2025. <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/publications/impact-eo-redefine-sex-tbi/>
 4. Joel D. Beyond the binary: Rethinking sex and the brain. *Neuroscience & Biobehavioral Reviews*. 2021;122. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neubiorev.2020.11.018>
 5. Ainsworth C. Sex redefined. *Nature*. 2015;518(7539):288-291. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1038/518288a>
 6. Jones T. Intersex Studies: A Systematic Review of International Health Literature. *SAGE Open*. 2018;8(2). doi:<https://doi.org/10.1177/2158244017745577>
 7. Cornell University. What does the scholarly research say about the effect of gender transition on transgender well-being? What We Know. Published 2018. <https://whatweknow.inequality.cornell.edu/topics/lgbt-equality/what-does-the-scholarly-research-say-about-the-well-being-of-transgender-people/>

MOVED to approve bylaw amendment as presented by Senator **MAURI** AND **SECONDED** by Senator **KRAJEWSKI**.

INTRODUCED ON 02/13/2025 **TO THE** EXECUTIVE BOARD

Wayne State University Student Senate

Student Center Building, 5221 Gullen Mall, Room 382 | Detroit, MI 48202 | (313) 577-1010

BOARD ACTION X UNANIMOUS 02/13/2025
PASSED FAILED W/ REVISION VOTE DATE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN ON 02/20/2025 TO THE GENERAL BODY
ACTION X 14-4-3 02/20/2025
PASSED FAILED Y-N-A DATE

ON FEBRUARY 20 OF THE 2024-2025 SESSION OF THE WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THE STATEMENT IS NOW APPROVED FOR RELEASE BY

Hayden Johnson

Hayden Johnson
Student Senate President