



We, the undersigned faith leaders, affirm that all people should be treated fairly and equally under the law, and that all people, including gay and transgender individuals, are children of God, deserving of love, dignity, and equal treatment. From a variety of religious traditions, with diverse approaches to spiritual life, we converge in a spirit of love and humility urging our elected officials to update the laws in Michigan so that every person in our state is protected from discrimination.

Michigan is one of 29 states where an individual can still legally be fired for being gay, despite the fact that a majority of people support making Michigan an equal opportunity state. Polls show that more than 70% of Michigan residents and nearly 75% of Americans support workplace equality. Additionally, more than 100 cities across America, including 33 in Michigan, have already passed inclusive nondiscrimination laws, and they have implemented them successfully.

As teachers and leaders in the faith community, we are obliged to counteract the culture of fear surrounding gay and transgender people with a culture of hope. We are called to be prophetic voices for all God's children. We recognize the worth, dignity, and beauty of every human life, and we ask our elected officials to treat all people fairly and equally under the law.

Sincerely,

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First Name _____

Last Name _____

Congregation Name _____

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City _____

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Signature _____