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Resolution 7-17-F. Resolution to Support Our LGBTQ Students

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support Our LGBTQ Students by standing with those requesting the Bowling Green City Commission pass a Fairness Ordinance

WHEREAS: In the state of Kentucky and the city of Bowling Green it is currently legal to discriminate in hiring, housing, service, and employment based on an individual's actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity, and

WHEREAS: This means LGBTQ students at WKU are vulnerable to myriad forms of discrimination in their community, and

WHEREAS: SGA is committed, as per the preamble of the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to, "promote student well-being and involvement, encourage diversity and tolerance between all groups and individuals," and

WHEREAS: WKU's Student Government Association Constitution states, "The Legislature shall take stances on issues affecting students by passing appropriate legislation," and

WHEREAS: LGBTQ students at WKU want, and need, Bowling Green to implement a Fairness Ordinance, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University stands with those requesting the Bowling Green City Commission pass a Fairness Ordinance that would prevent people from being fired from their job, denied housing, or kicked out of a public place because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

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