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**SDCBA Public Statement Regarding Changes to Federal Bureau of Prisons Transgender
Offender Procedures**

SAN DIEGO, June 28, 2018 – The recent (May 11) change to the Federal Bureau of Prisons Transgender Offender Manual which now uses biological sex rather than gender identity to determine facility assignment is another attack on the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) community that should not go unnoticed. Like the suggested transgender military service member ban proposed in July of 2017, which was also denounced by the San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA), this change represents a discriminatory attack on the fundamental rights guaranteed by our constitution. The SDCBA will vigorously defend the constitutional principle of equal protection under the law for all, and in this month when we join the LGBTQ community in celebrating Pride, we condemn and will combat any government policy that marginalizes and/or endangers any individual based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

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