

In the Student Senate
S.R. 16-4.1
4/21/16

Resolution Regarding North Carolina House Bill 2: The Public Facilities Privacy and Security Act

WHEREAS: On March 23, 2016 the North Carolina General Assembly passed House Bill 2: The Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act, a blatantly discriminatory act that targets LGBTQIA citizens; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 2 prevents individuals from using bathrooms and changing facilities in all public agencies, including schools, that align with their gender identity; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 2 prevents local governments from establishing non-discrimination ordinances that protect against discrimination of sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, and any other marginalized group not explicitly listed in the stated protected classes of, “race, religion, color, national origin, age, biological sex, or handicap;” and

WHEREAS: The intentional omission of sexual orientation and gender identity from the list of protected classes explicitly makes discriminatory acts against LGBTQIA citizens and visitors legal in the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 2 eliminates the individual’s right to take civil action in North Carolina court regarding any kind of discrimination in the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 2 also prevents local governments from establishing a minimum wage altered from that of that state’s current rate of \$ 7.25 per hour, which disproportionately harms the working class and takes away from local governments; and

WHEREAS: Elon University’s commitment to non-discrimination will not be affected by this intolerant and unjust law; and

WHEREAS: Elon University is an all-inclusive institution that prior and subsequent to this bill does not discriminate based on gender identity and sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS: Elon students, faculty and staff interact with the local and state communities in many ways are affected by this discriminatory legislation regardless of Elon’s commitment to non-discrimination; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 2 places anyone in the state who is or might appear to be LGBTQIA at risk of violence, social marginalization, and discrimination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

ARTICLE I: Elon University Student Government Association reaffirms our institution's commitment and support for equitable treatment not only for all of the students on this campus but to all of the citizens and visitors of North Carolina.

ARTICLE II: Elon University Student Government Association decries the blatant disregard and denial of basic human rights and protection under the law by the North Carolina General Assembly through this highly discriminatory piece of legislation.

Article III: Elon University Student Government Association is concerned that House Bill 2 puts members of and visitors to our community at risk of discrimination, prejudice, homophobia, transphobia, and unequal treatment under the law

ARTICLE IV: Elon University Student Government Association is looking to our peers and encouraging other student government associations to consider the implications of what such law could mean for the progress we have made as a nation against such discrimination policies and legislations.

ARTICLE V: Elon University Student Government Association condemns House Bill 2 and its efforts to set back centuries of hard work towards equality among all people regardless of their race, religion, color, national origin, gender, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. We uphold our University's efforts eradicate discriminatory practices and to work toward an inclusive community. We will continue to represent our student body through those efforts and ideals.

ARTICLE VI: A copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Senior Staff of the University, and faculty and staff and will be posted on the Elon University E-Net and The Student Government Association website.

ARTICLE VII: A copy of this resolution will be transmitted to Student Government Associations in all North Carolina colleges and universities as they consider the implications of what such law means for the progress we have made as a nation against such discriminatory policies and legislation.

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