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North Carolina Bathroom Laws

Recent changes have caused us to reconsider our position on holding meetings or sponsoring events in North Carolina. Because the state legislature has repealed and replaced House Bill 2, the AAVMC will no longer preclude meetings and events in North Carolina, nor restrict staff travel there.

Many people believe the new statute provides only a minimum level of protection against discrimination, and it does not go far enough to ensure LGBT people are protected. Others have suggested that the repeal returns North Carolina to the status quo before the offending legislation was enacted. Dr. Paul Lunn, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University, told us that our earlier position in opposition to HB2 (see message below) was helpful in the university's campaign to persuade the legislature to change course; since the bill has been repealed, a change in our position would help their efforts to promote diversity and inclusion at NCSU.

As we stated in our earlier message below, we will continue to monitor the situation closely and adjust our position if warranted by subsequent changes in the law. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.