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North Carolina Bathroom Laws Require Policy Response

AAVMC has joined a large number of corporations and organizations that are expressing concerns about the recent passage of the Public Facilities Privacy and Security Act in North Carolina. Many people believe that the controversial measure allows discrimination against LGBT people, which is at odds with AAVMC's Principles of Inclusion.

Those principles state, "We confront and reject all forms of prejudice and discrimination, including those based on race, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious beliefs, political beliefs, geographic, socioeconomic, and educational background or any other differences that have led to misunderstanding, hostility and injustice."

Because our principles challenge us to actively confront and reject discrimination and prejudice, AAVMC will not hold meetings or sponsor events in North Carolina unless we can ensure that all participants at our events will be treated with dignity, respect and equality under the law. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and adjust our position if warranted by subsequent changes in the law.