

SOPHE Statement on NCGA House Bill 2
The Society for Public Health Education Opposes Discrimination in All its Forms

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WASHINGTON - The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) is extremely disappointed in the passage of House Bill 2 by the North Carolina General Assembly this week. SOPHE opposes discrimination in all forms and remains committed to promoting and advocating for a safe, inclusive environment for all people. No persons should be discriminated against due to their gender identity, preference or veteran status. As SOPHE convenes its 67th Annual Meeting in Charlotte this week, we expect that civic and business leaders will work together to repeal this legislation and restore respect for the core human values of fairness, equality and anti-discrimination for the people of the North Carolina.

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