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City of Portland Human Rights Commission Condemns Trump Administration Attack on the Rights of Transgender, Nonbinary, & Intersex People

PORTLAND, OR – The City of Portland Human Rights Commission issues the following statement on [reports](#) the Trump Administration plans to remove federal protections for transgender, nonbinary, & intersex people:

The City of Portland Human Rights Commission condemns the Trump Administration’s proposal to narrowly redefine gender. This action is a cruel and unusual attempt to strip transgender, nonbinary, and intersex people of their humanity and basic rights. It runs afoul of the medical community, science, established civil rights laws, the courts, and the dictates of human respect and decency. This action places transgender, nonbinary, and intersex people, especially those at the margins including people of color, low-income people, undocumented people, women, nonbinary people, people with intersex condition, and people with disabilities, in extreme danger. The civil and human rights community in Portland stands in solidarity with our transgender, nonbinary, and intersex friends, family, and neighbors, and we join a chorus of all people of conscience to do everything within our power to eradicate these types of proposals. The rights of transgender, nonbinary, and intersex people are human rights.

Guided by the principles set forth in the United Nation’s Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Human Rights Commission of Portland believes the proposal to narrowly redefine gender conflicts with the Declaration’s following articles:

- Article 1: Right to Equality
- Article 2: Freedom from Discrimination
- Article 3: Right to Life, Liberty, and Personal Security
- Article 6: Right to Recognition as a Person before the Law
- Article 7: Right to Equality before the Law

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