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As ministers, rabbis and other religious leaders, we write to express our shared support for the full equality of LGBT Texans – equality before God and equality under the law. This deeply held belief is shared by diverse congregations all across the state of Texas.

Our faith compels us to oppose anti-transgender legislation (“bathroom bills”), discriminatory laws masquerading as “religious freedom,” or any other attempts to treat Texas’ LGBT community as second-class citizens.

We will continue to speak out against all attempts to use religion to demonize, discriminate against or bring harm to our LGBT sisters and brothers. And we encourage you, as leaders in our state, to support policies that treat all Texans equally under the law, including the LGBT community.

Respectfully,

**Signed by 209 Texas Faith Leaders
(Signers attached)**



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