

## The Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce stands in solidarity with our transgender and gender non-binary community.

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## Dear AGLCC members, partners, and friends,

Earlier this week, NGLCC released <u>a statement</u> addressing the disturbing reports that the Trump Administration's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is exploring the reinterpretation of the federal government's definition of gender to limit a person's gender identity to their sex assigned at birth. This move, if implemented, would effectively erase transgender and non-binary identities, and their protections, in the eyes of the federal government.

The AGLCC is signing a joint statement between NGLCC and its affiliate chambers in the U.S. so that we can present a unified front to combat this blatant discrimination against our transgender and gender non-binary family, friends, community members, and fellow entrepreneurs. The statement will assert the following:

- 1. Transgender and gender non-binary Americans deserve to have their gender identities acknowledged and respected by their government and their community
- 2. Transgender and gender non-binary members of the business community contribute to the nation's economy and represent an important piece of the \$1.7 trillion that the LGBT business community contributes to the U.S. economy annually
- 3. The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (AGLCC) will join the NGLCC in continuing to advocate for fair and equal economic access for all members of the LGBT business community, including our transgender and gender non-binary community members

The AGLCC joins the NGLCC in creating a space where transgender and gender non-binary members of the LGBT business community are not only accepted but celebrated for their contributions to our society and economy.

The <u>NGLCC Trans Inclusion Task Force</u> is hard at work in ensuring that all members of the LGBT business community can grow, succeed, and thrive.

In Solidarity,

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Sandy Mollett Board President & Executive Committee Member Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (AGLCC) she/her/hers

The AGLCC exists to promote the economic growth and advancement of our LGBT and allied business members, our nonprofit organizational members as well as our corporate partners and their employees, through advocacy, leadership, education and support.

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