

1                                   **Resolution to Oppose Any Bills That**  
2                                   **Discriminate Against the Transgender Community**

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4   **WHEREAS** Washington’s transgender youth, adults, and their families have been  
5 protected by the state’s nondiscrimination law since 2006 in areas of public  
6 accommodations, employment, housing, and fair contracting;  
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8   **WHEREAS** our state extended critical human rights protections to lesbian, gay,  
9 bisexual, and transgender people 10 years ago with the passage of the 2006 Anderson-  
10 Murray Anti-Discrimination Law;  
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12   **WHEREAS** transgender people are part of our families, workplaces, our  
13 neighborhoods, and our places of worship;  
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15   **WHEREAS**, to live and work safely in the state of Washington, transgender people  
16 need to be able to use public accommodations, such as restrooms, just like everyone  
17 else, without fear of harassment or discrimination;  
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19   **WHEREAS** transgender people are more likely to be victims than aggressors;  
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21   **WHEREAS** any legislation that aims to take away a basic protection afforded to any  
22 Washingtonian, particularly the transgender community, harms all Washingtonians;  
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24   **WHEREAS** the Charter of the Washington State Democratic Party calls for the  
25 protection of individuals’ rights and civil liberties; and  
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27   **WHEREAS** the Platform of the Washington State Democratic Party states that  
28 discrimination in public accommodation, sexual identity, and gender identity and  
29 expression is wrong. In addition, the platform states further that “the inherent dignity  
30 and the equal and inalienable rights of all human beings are the foundations of  
31 freedom, justice and peace in the world”;  
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33   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Washington State Democratic Party opposes HB 2589,  
34 SB 6443 and any other bills that aim to repeal any section of 2006 Anderson-Murray  
35 Anti-Discrimination Law and urges all Washington Democrats and the Washington  
36 State Legislature to oppose these bills.  
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39 Submitted with the signatures of fifty members of the WSDCC. (Date Submitted  
40 1/30/2016)  
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- 42 The Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended that it be  
43 "PASSED" at its January 30, 2016 meeting in Lynnwood.  
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45 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 30, 2016 meeting in Lynnwood.