Associated Student Government
University of Arkansas

ASG Senate Resolution No. 20
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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRANSGENDER STUDENTS AND
TRANSGENDER HEALTHCARE AND IN OPPOSITION TO HB 1570
AND OTHER TRANSPHOBIC LEGISLATION

Whereas, On Thursday March 25th, 2021 Arkansas governor Asa
Hutchinson signed a bill “Fairness in Women’s Sports Act,”
banning transgender women and girls from competing in
sports teams that are consistent with their gender identity;
and

Whereas, Arkansas legislators have passed HB 1570 on Monday,
March 29th, 2021 through the House, a legislation that
targets transgender Arkansans by denying best practice
medical care and support to transgender youth; and

Whereas, Gender-affirming care and treatment reduces suicidal
thoughts and improves mental health in transgender folks
and is therefore often medically important treatment; and

Whereas, A survey conducted about transgender people in the US and
their rights resulted in 73% of respondents stating
transgender people should be protected from discrimination,
and 71% indicating that transgender people should be

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1 https://www.thv11.com/article/news/politics/arkansas-bill-transgender-women-sports-ban/91-f3ce17e1-91cc43ad-acbc-e8c572346fba

2 https://www.thv11.com/article/news/politics/arkansas-bill-transgender-women-sports-ban/91-f3ce17e1-91cc43ad-acbc-e8c572346fba


allowed to have gender-affirming surgery from a 2017 Report from IPSOS International Survey Series⁵; and

Whereas, Support for LGBT nondiscrimination protections has increased to 76% in 2020 from 71% in 2015 from All Americans with 7% completely against pro-L.G.B.T.Q. policies from a study by the Public Religion Research Institute⁶; and

Whereas, Multiple leading medical organizations oppose the bill such as the American Psychological Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Medical Association⁷; and

Be it therefore resolved: The ASG Senate stands against the transphobia perpetuated in these bills and stand with transgender members of the Arkansas community; and

Be it further resolved: that the ASG Senate will promote awareness and provide resources for the physical and mental health of transgender students in collaboration with the Pat Walker Health Center and the Psychological Clinic; and

Be it further resolved: The ASG Senate will advocate for transgender students’ access to resources on our campus.

Be it finally resolved: This resolution be sent to Chancellor Joe Steinmetz, Inclusion Liaison Anthony DiNicola, Vice Chancellor for Governmental and Community Relations Randy Massanelli, and Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Yvette Murphy-Erby upon passage.

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⁵ https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/publications/public-opinion-trans-rights-us/


Amendments: 

Vote Count: Aye 27 Nay 7 Abstentions 5

Legislation Status: Passed X Failed Other

Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate

Julia Noll, ASG President

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