

ASA ISSUES STATEMENT ON STATE DISCRIMINATION LAWS

ALEXANDRIA, VA, APRIL 6, 2015 – The American Statistical Association (ASA) – the world’s largest community of statisticians and the second-oldest continuously operating professional society in the country – today issued a statement addressing the recent consideration of laws in several states that could be interpreted to permit organizations and businesses to discriminate against people based on a number of criteria, including sexual orientation.

ASA President David R. Morganstein issued the following statement:

“The American Statistical Association opposes any legislation that would have the effect of allowing an organization or entity to discriminate against or deny services to anyone based on gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, race, ethnicity, religion, age, national origin, veteran status or other protected status. Consistent with our [meeting conduct policy](#), the ASA will not enter into a contract to hold a meeting in any state that passes such legislation.”

About the American Statistical Association

The American Statistical Association is the world’s largest community of statisticians and the second-oldest continuously operating professional society in the United States. Its members serve in industry, government and academia in more than 90 countries, advancing research and promoting sound statistical practice to inform public policy and improve human welfare. For additional information about the American Statistical Association, please visit the ASA website at www.amstat.org.

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