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The Honorable Pat McCrory
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Dear Governor McCrory,

We write to inform you that, as a result of North Carolina's new law—the "Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act"—the American Statistical Association (ASA) will no longer sign contracts to conduct future meetings in the state of North Carolina.

The ASA is the world's largest professional society for statisticians. We support excellence in the development, application, and dissemination of statistical science through meetings, publications, membership services, education, accreditation, and advocacy for our more than 19,500 members—1,000 of whom reside throughout North Carolina.

We have enjoyed hosting meetings in your state for its diverse population, stimulating educational opportunities, and dynamic recreational activities. However, such legislation contradicts ASA policy that ensures meeting attendees enjoy a welcoming environment, free from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation and thereby inhibits the association from fulfilling its mission to advance the practice and profession of statistics.

Should this law be repealed, the ASA will reconsider its position. In the meantime, we believe the state law does not reflect the true spirit of equality for which **all people**—including those in the LGBTQ communities—are entitled.

Sincerely,

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