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No to discrimination

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At IUPUI diversity is a core value -- a fundamental cornerstone of the mission of this premier urban research and life sciences campus. And diversity is also the foundation on which any great city, state, nation and world is built.

IUPUI strives for broad and comprehensive inclusion at every level of faculty, staff and students. This campus strongly seconds the affirmation this week by IU President Michael A. McRobbie, who assured that:

"Indiana University will recruit, hire, promote, educate and provide services to persons without regard to their age, race, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, marital status, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or veteran status. Equally importantly, we will not tolerate discrimination on the basis of any of these same factors."

Both on our campus and beyond, IUPUI vehemently opposes the practice, presence, or facilitation of discrimination.

Many of us are greatly disappointed by Senate Enrolled Act 101 -- the so-called "Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act" -- and are deeply concerned about the potential implications of this legislation.

We are encouraged to learn today that -- at the behest of the governor -- lawmakers will immediately reconsider this legislation, avoiding further damage to the reputation of Indiana as a welcoming community. The hope is that the changes will clearly and indisputably denounce and prohibit discrimination.

Please know that IUPUI remains committed to a diverse and talented workforce, student population and community.

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