

## Dear Committee Members,

We write this letter in full support of HF2770 that would repeal Minnesota statutes 2020, sections 609.293, subdivisions 1, 5; 609.34; 609.36. As we progress and have passed several laws creating rights for LGBTQ members of Minnesota, to have this language still in the books does not reflect where we stand today. While we need to remember our past so as to not repeat it, we do not need them in our statutes.

These laws were created and used to shame, scare and dehumize folks when they were written. This is a guster to those in Minnesota that we will never go back to that time.

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