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38 Legislative Council Resolution #103

University of Colorado
Student Union

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A RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HISTORY

One of the primary responsibilities of a Student Union is to protect the rights of students. The University of Colorado Student Union recognizes that discrimination against gay, lesbian, and bisexual students exists, and has consistently supported efforts to oppose discrimination and ensure equal rights. The student body voted in 1984 by a 10 to 1 margin to support the inclusion of sexual orientation in the University anti-discrimination policy. The UCSU Legislative Council voted 14-1-0 to oppose the passage of Amendment 2. The passage of Amendment 2 has legalized discrimination in the State of Colorado against gay, lesbian, and bisexual citizens. Gay and lesbian students who live in Boulder may now legally be fired from their jobs or kicked out of their homes because of their sexual orientation. This type of blatant discrimination is wrong and has the potential to affect the ability of gay and lesbian students to attend this University. The passage of Amendment 2 has also rendered a portion of the anti-discrimination policy in the UCSU Constitution unenforceable.

Although we need to abide by the new law, we need not give up on our continued efforts to work for equal rights. One measure we can take to voice opposition to the law and to show support to students adversely affected by the law is to join the lawsuit challenging Amendment 2 as a "friend of the court." This action is within our legal bounds, and the Executives have agreed to file the paperwork pending passage of this resolution.

Whereas: The University of Colorado Student Union supports equal rights for all students; and

Whereas: We believe in working responsibly within the system to ensure that all students at the University of Colorado at Boulder are free from discrimination; and

Whereas: The passage of Amendment 2 legalizes discrimination against gay, lesbian, and bisexual citizens of Colorado.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, **THAT:**