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38 Legislative Council Resolution #103

University of Colorado
Student Union

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A RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HISTORY

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

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

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

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

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

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