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From the offices of: Representative Wick Thomas (D-19), Representative Elizabeth Fuchs (D-80)
Representative Jeremy Dean (D-132), and Representative Jeff Hales (D-86)

March 14, 2025

Re: Formation of The Equality Conference

Dear Speaker of the House Jon Patterson,



In the spirit of the powerful caucuses that have paved the way for justice and equality, we write today to formally request the establishment of the *Intersectional Equality Conference*.

In response to recent Federal Executive Orders, Missouri State Executive Orders, and proposed Missouri State legislation that seek to undermine and marginalize immigrant and LGBTQIA+ communities in Missouri—while also attempting to erase diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts across our State departments and agencies—we are coming together as legislators committed to advocating for these communities. Our goal is to protect and advance the rights of those most at risk of harm.

We respectfully request formal recognition of this conference, which will be composed of Missouri legislators dedicated to fighting for the rights and well-being of marginalized identities in our state. Please note that the affiliated members will receive no additional compensation for their time and efforts.

We thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this request. Let us continue to remember our shared responsibility to serve all Missourians, ensuring that our state remains a place where everyone belongs.

In service and community,

Rep. Wick Thomas, Co-Chair
Rep. Elizabeth Fuchs, Co-chair
Rep. Jeff Hales, Secretary
Rep. Jeremy Dean
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