



STATE OF MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
**Wes Moore**

June 23, 2023

Dear Friends:

Every student deserves to know they are loved, safe, and supported as their authentic selves. Young people who develop in positive school climates, free of bullying, harassment, and discrimination report greater physical and psychological safety, greater mental well-being, and improved educational and life outcomes.

I am proud to support the goals and ideals of the GLSEN Rise Up campaign in demanding the best possible future for all young people in schools, including those who identify as LGBTQIA+.

Young people, teachers, school staff, families, and communities must be free of the violence of racism, transphobia, homophobia, sexism, ableism, and all forms of systemic oppression. We all have a responsibility to ensure that our schools are safe learning environments for all—especially for communities that experience marginalization.

Leaving no one behind requires a community approach and relies on all of us working together. On behalf of the Moore-Miller administration and the people of Maryland, I want all young Marylanders in the LGBTQIA+ community to know that you are not alone and have my full support, always.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wes Moore', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Wes Moore  
Governor

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