Statement on White House Rescinding Dear Colleague Letter on Trans Inclusion

The Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals condemns the action taken by the Trump administration in denying the civil rights of transgender students across the nation. The Trump administration recently rescinded the "Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students" that gave guidance to educational institutions on how to support trans students. The Consortium and its members who staff LGBTQ campus centers work to empower, build safety for, and affirm trans, genderqueer, and non-binary students, staff, and faculty on college and university campuses, and we will continue to do so.

We call on colleges and universities to legally encode in their institutional policies the rights that the Trump administration is no longer protecting. Furthermore, the Consortium urges institutions to continue to be bold and steadfast in their support for trans, genderqueer, and non-binary students, staff, and faculty: it is time that institutions rise up and support their trans students. Please refer to the resources linked below:

- " How Colleges Can Still Legally Protect Trans Students without Coverage under Title IX " written by Genny Beemyn, former Consortium Co-Chair, and D.A. Dirks, current Consortium Co-Chair.

- National Center for Transgender Equality " FAQ on the Withdrawal of Federal Guidance on Transgender Students "
- Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals " Suggested Best Practices for Supporting Trans Students "

- Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals " Recommendations for Supporting Trans and Queer Students of Color "

The Consortium Executive Board recognizes this is a dire landscape for trans students and professionals, and we see you and value the lives and labor of trans people in this work. We are here to provide assistance and guidance, and please reach out to us and colleagues as support and resources in this critical campus equity work.

-The Consortium Executive Board