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Dear Representatives:

We, the co-signers of this letter, write to express our unified and unequivocal support for the amendment to the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act (SB4/HB3) to include protections for LGBTQ+ Michiganders by the addition of “sexual orientation, gender identity or expression” to the existing list of protected classes. Furthermore, we urge the adoption of these protections as introduced and passed in Senate Bill 4.

The signatories below represent a diversity of faiths and religious institutions. We serve God through creating inclusive faith communities that welcome everyone regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. For each of us has been created in God’s image, and we are all worthy of the same dignity, respect, and equality before the law.

As clergy and faith leaders of different races, geographies, genders, and faiths, we believe there is universal and ample evidence across all of our beliefs, practices, and theologies that our shared humanity connects us to one another. We are therefore obligated to protect and care for each other. This obligation of protection and care are building blocks to a healthy society and foundational to the resilience of our neighborhoods, our state, and our nation.

It is in this light, that we support the passage of the amendment to the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to include sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, codifying an explicit and fair standard in which LGBTQ+ people in Michigan will realize the same protections and remedies for discrimination as everyone else in our State.

As faith leaders and ordained servant-leaders committed to the principles of fairness, compassion, and equality for our congregation-members, their families, and our communities, we call on the House of Representatives to pass this amendment to the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

Signed:

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