

March 31, 2015

The Honorable Michael R. Pence  
Governor  
State of Indiana  
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

The Honorable Brian Bosma  
Speaker of the House  
Indiana House of Representatives  
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The Honorable David Long  
President Pro Tempore  
Indiana State Senate  
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Dear Sirs:

As the leading association for advancing higher education through information technology, EDUCAUSE represents over 2,400 colleges, universities, and related organizations nationwide. Our members are dedicated to higher education and its core values, which include a commitment to diversity and non-discrimination. These values have enabled higher education institutions to serve as critical engines of social, cultural, economic, and technological progress for their communities, states, and the nation as a whole.

In 2009, several years before the passage of Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), EDUCAUSE made the commitment to hold its annual conference in Indianapolis in October 2015. As an event that regularly draws over 7,000 participants and exhibitors, our annual conference reflects the full diversity of the higher education community in the U.S., as well as international representation from over 40 countries.

Given the size and scope of the EDUCAUSE annual conference, it has a significant, positive economic impact on the communities in which it is held. Conference attendees fill numerous hotels and restaurants, as well as frequent local businesses and tourist attractions, throughout their week-long stay. The possibility that the RFRA might lead to discriminatory treatment against *any* person, including our member representatives and conference attendees, concerns our association greatly. Such discrimination would run counter to the principles of openness and inclusivity on which

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EDUCAUSE is based and that allow our member institutions to make substantial contributions to research, learning, and service in this country. EDUCAUSE regularly takes into account how welcome our participants feel when we decide where to hold our events and we will continue to do so moving forward.

EDUCAUSE opposes discrimination in any form. We hope that Indiana will eliminate any confusion about the law's effects and reconfirm that the State of Indiana remains a welcoming destination for diverse and inclusive communities such as EDUCAUSE.

Sincerely,

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Diana G. Oblinger  
President and CEO  
EDUCAUSE

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Bruce Maas  
Chair, EDUCAUSE Board of Directors