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Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations Statement Against Hate

Across our country and in our communities, the struggle against hate continues. Recent examples include harmful and hateful actions against Asian, Pacific, and Jewish Americans, but the history of hate is long and deeply embedded in our country and our city. Fear of the person who is different from ourselves – called xenophobia, racism, Islamophobia, antisemitism, religious discrimination, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, and many other names – is one of the earliest evils of our society. This fear, based on our intuitive desire to use bias to make decisions, leads to the erosion of progress and loss of value for our society.

The Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations (PghCHR), as the agency charged with fighting discrimination in our diverse city, reminds all Pittsburghers that each and every one of our neighbors is valuable; that their value does not depend on their age, ancestry, skin color, disability, familial status, gender, place of origin, language spoken, race, religion, sex, status as a survivor of domestic violence, or sexual orientation; that no person has fewer rights or deserves to be harmed simply because of their inalienable, protected traits; and that we are always stronger working together.

For these reasons, PghCHR condemns all forms of hate and encourages citizens of Pittsburgh to continue building bridges of understanding against hate and violence. If you find yourself in immediate danger of a hate crime, you may call 911 for immediate assistance. If you see or suspect activity that targets a group of people because of their protected class, please report your concerns to a trusted authority:

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