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The following is from Deans Christa Zehle, MD and Lee Rosen, PhD

Dear Larner Medical Students:

We stand in solidarity with all our students during this time of senseless violence and harmful legislation targeting the LGBTQIA community. The richness and excellence of our LCOM community is inextricably linked to the contributions of all our students, staff, and faculty, and thus we will continue to strive to create and nurture a safe and inclusive space for our LGBTQIA community members. The recent tragic murder of Fern Feather reminds us to remain vigilant and united as a community committed to the values articulated in LCOM's [Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#). UVM's Provost and Vice Provost for Student Affairs have articulated a similar statement (attached) to the UVM community.

UVM offers support and resources for those affected by gender-based violence. Notably, [HopeWorks](#), [CAPS](#), and the [Prism Center](#) all provide readily accessible services and information. Larner students can also access [WellConnect](#) (code: UVMCOM) for free counseling and other services. Note also that Larner's [Gender and Sexuality Alliance](#), the [Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#), and [The Trevor Project](#) are excellent resources available to all students.

Sincerely,
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April 15, 2022

Dear Fellow Members of the UVM Community,

Solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community is part of who we are at UVM and is especially important in this time of escalated rhetoric and senseless violence. We are heartened by voices in our community who are clear in their condemnation of violence against members of the trans community; and we are inspired by the many trans faculty, staff, and students whose identities and contributions deeply enrich and enliven UVM. At UVM, we aspire to live out Our Common Ground values every day, and we work to make our campus a safe and supportive environment for our trans-identified students and colleagues.

UVM offers many forms of support for those who are impacted by gender-based violence. Among them are [HopeWorks](#), [CAPS](#), and the [Prism Center](#). If you or someone you care about would benefit from support, please make a connection; the staff who engage in this work are skilled and caring, and here for our community.

In the UVM community, everyone belongs. Please continue to support each other and reach out to those around you who may be in distress. Your words of support and affirmation are meaningful, and more important than ever.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Prelock, Provost and Senior Vice President
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