



City of Austin

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Dear ACVIM Leadership and Members,

Austin strives to be a welcoming city that attracts businesses, conventions, visitors and residents. Our welcoming and inclusive nature will not change due to the passing of legislation in the state of Texas or opinions by state leaders.

Austin opposes any legislation that limits people's rights, including the recent released directive by the Texas Governor and Attorney General regarding transgender youth, as well as the passing of SB8 (Heartbeat Act) and SB1 (voter legislation) during 2021's legislative session.

Leadership of the City of Austin and Travis County have [vehemently opposed](#) state legislation or other actions that presents an issue to minority or LGBTQ+ communities. The City of Austin and Travis County local officials have consistently stood for equality throughout and beyond state legislative debates. And we continue to work proudly on behalf of advocates in every aspect of public discourse. [Austin is a diverse city](#), and we want everyone who visits and lives here to feel comfortable.

On behalf of the thousands of hospitality professionals who welcome more than 30 million visitors to Austin each year, we stand ready to welcome each visitor with open arms and open doors. We look forward to ensuring you have a successful and enjoyable conference, and wonderful time in our great city.

Sincerely,

Steve Adler
Mayor