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Statement from Annapolis Pride on President Trump's Executive Order Against the LGBTQIA+ Community

Annapolis Pride vehemently opposes the executive order signed today by President Trump, which sets a course to roll back crucial anti-discrimination policies and directly targets the LGBTQIA+ community, particularly transgender individuals. This action is not only a regressive step for civil rights but also a stark betrayal of the values of equality, dignity and respect that we strive to uphold.

Notably, this executive order was signed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day—a day dedicated to honoring Dr. King's enduring legacy as a champion of racial equality and social justice. This timing highlights a stark and painful irony: as the nation reflects on Dr. King's vision of equality and his relentless fight against discrimination, the current administration advances policies that directly contradict those ideals.

This is a dark day, and may be the beginning of what we anticipate will be a relentless, four-year fight for equity, justice and the rights of every American. We want to make it unequivocally clear: we will not stand idly by as discriminatory policies seek to erode the hard-fought progress made by the LGBTQIA+ community. We will amplify our voices with other advocates, resist oppression and stand firmly in solidarity with those targeted by President Trump and any regressive agenda.

The role of the President, as outlined in the Constitution, is to serve all people of the United States. Leadership should unify and protect, not marginalize or discriminate. The policies enacted today do the opposite; they sow division, perpetuate injustice and undermine the fundamental rights of countless Americans.

We will continue to fight for the protection of every individual's rights, ensuring that love, respect and humanity triumph over hate and prejudice. In this critical moment, we call on all Marylanders to join us in resisting these unjust policies and work toward a future where equity and justice are not just ideals, but lived realities for everyone.