To whom it may concern:

I am writing to lend my strong support to the establishment of the University of Arizona Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies, a non-academic unit that remains under the auspices of the Graduate College. The Committee on LGBT Studies has been for many years a strong academic unit within our college. It has functioned to coordinate both teaching and research efforts across the campus and has been a valuable resource for our students and faculty within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

The establishment of a Center to focus on LGBT issues is an excellent idea for the University of Arizona. The interdisciplinary areas already being examined will take on a new meaning and perspective from this Center. For the faculty and students in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the Center will help guide future research, outreach, and teaching in a broader and more focused interdisciplinary manner. We are extremely pleased with the potential establishment of the Center and fully support its application.

Sincerely,

Ed Donnerstein, PhD
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