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We, the undersigned members of the LGBTQ+ Faculty and Staff Caucus, wish to share our support for LSU students in Democracy @ LSU to change the names of LSU buildings bearing the names of individuals whose legacies counteract LSU's values of diversity and inclusion, and to rename these building to honor individuals whose legacies elevate the moral stature of both the institution and the student body.

The LGBTQ+ Faculty and Staff Caucus is deeply committed to antiracism and strongly stands against all forms of white supremacy, including building names that honor and perpetuate our racist institutional past. Because we are a community that includes BIPOC (black, indigenous, and people of color), anti-racism is by definition an LGBTQ issue. It is our hope that you will listen to the voices of the Faculty, Staff and Students and work to make a safer environment for all students on this campus.

LSU's Commitment to Community indicates that as an institution, we respect the dignity of all persons, our letter today asks you to make the names of the buildings on our campus congruent with this ideal, by removing the names of those who did not believe in the basic dignity of all students.

Our hope is that the Board of Supervisors will move forward with this action and live up to the values and ideals of our institution.

Sincerely,

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