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Rep. Gary Hebl's Statement on the US SCOTUS Title VII Decision Protecting Rights of LGBTQ Americans

(Sun Prairie) – Today the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) ruled that it is a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 – also known as the Equal Employment Opportunity of the Civil Rights Act- to discriminate against employees based on their “race, color, religion, sex or national origin.” Rep. Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie) released the following statement in response:

I am overjoyed at the Supreme Court's decision today. Discrimination against people for simply being who they are is clearly a violation of their rights and I applaud the high court for its decision. The decision will hopefully mean that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTG) individuals can feel a little safer at work today.

There is, however, a long way to go as we work toward equality for our LGBTG brothers and sisters. On June 12, the Trump administration rolled back health care protections for transgender patients. Under the previous Obama rule, transgender patients could not be denied health care simply because they are transgender. In a stunning display of callous disregard for our fellow Americans, President Trump has said that this type of discrimination is perfectly fine to him.

So while today's SCOTUS decision is an undeniable win, we still have a long way to go to ensure equal footing under the law for all Americans, regardless of who they are, what they believe, what they look like, or who they love. I look forward to continue working towards that goal in the Wisconsin Legislature.

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