



Letter of Support for Reinstatement of SEGM Continuing Medical Education (CME) Accreditation

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Dear Members of the Accreditation and CME Committee,

On behalf of the **LGB Courage Coalition**, we write to express our strong support for the reinstatement of the Continuing Medical Education (CME) series developed in partnership between Washington State University and the **Society for Evidence-Based Gender Medicine (SEGM)**, titled “*International Perspectives on Evidence-Based Treatment for Youth Distress Related to Sex and Gender.*”

We were deeply concerned to learn that this program was suspended shortly after activist complaints. The CME series represents precisely the kind of rigorous, balanced medical education that clinicians in the United States need in order to make informed decisions based on evidence rather than ideology.

Commitment to Evidence-Based Medicine

This CME series addresses a significant gap in medical training related to youth experiencing distress about their sexed bodies. Across Europe, leading national health systems have undertaken comprehensive evidence reviews—resulting in substantial changes to clinical guidelines and a move away from experimental interventions for minors. SEGM’s educational modules provide clinicians access to these international findings and promote thoughtful discussion of ethics, outcomes, and long-term care.

Far from being “controversial,” this approach reflects the highest standards of medicine: open inquiry, continuous review of evidence, and transparency about uncertainty and risk. Denying clinicians access to these materials undermines both academic freedom and patient safety.

Protecting Academic Integrity and Clinical Independence

Reinstating this CME series would demonstrate WSU’s commitment to:

- Upholding the principles of academic independence and freedom of inquiry;

- Providing balanced, internationally informed continuing education for medical professionals; and
- Ensuring that all youth, including those who may grow up to be lesbian, gay, or bisexual, receive ethical and compassionate care grounded in evidence.

Within the LGB community and the broader LGBTQ+ sphere, there are real and ongoing debates about the scientific evidence surrounding medicalized gender transition—particularly who benefits, who is harmed, and whose needs are being prioritized through these practices. The only path to resolving these debates responsibly is through open scientific inquiry and honest public discussion, not censorship or suppression of differing viewpoints. Universities should be the safest and most rigorous spaces for such examination to occur.

Suspending an accredited CME program after external pressure sends a discouraging signal to faculty, students, and the medical community—that open discussion of evidence can be silenced through intimidation. WSU can correct this by restoring the program and reaffirming its dedication to truth, transparency, and the advancement of medical understanding.

Our Request

We respectfully urge Washington State University to:

1. Reinstate the SEGM CME program
2. Affirm the university's independence from political or ideological interference in medical education; and
3. Conduct any further review of the CME materials through transparent, evidence-based procedures consistent with ACCME standards.

Conclusion

This matter extends far beyond this series of CMEs. It concerns whether universities will continue to serve as places where evidence can be examined freely and clinicians can pursue professional development without coercion. Reinstating SEGM's CME program would uphold WSU's integrity, support the medical community, and help ensure that young people receive care grounded in the best available science.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with your CME office or academic leadership to discuss this further. Please reach out to Jamie.Reed@LGBCourageCoalition.org and Lauren.Leggieri@LGBCourageCoalition.org

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