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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

DANNEL P. MALLOY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 45

WHEREAS, the protection of Connecticut's citizens from discrimination is an important role of government;

WHEREAS, Connecticut has a long tradition of being at the forefront of protecting civil rights, as well as religious freedom; state law explicitly prohibits governmental entities from burdening the exercise of religion, while also protecting against discrimination, such as discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression;

WHEREAS, certain states have enacted legislation to protect religious freedom, but do not prohibit discrimination for classes of citizens;

WHEREAS, the exercise of religious freedom should not be a justification for discrimination based upon sex, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression or other protected classes;

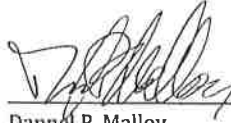
WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Connecticut and a priority of my administration to promote fairness, equality and to combat discrimination and to develop a workforce that reflects the diversity of the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANNEL P. MALLOY, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of the State of Connecticut do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT**:

1. That all agencies, departments, boards and commissions, the University of Connecticut and the Board of Regents immediately review all requests for state funded or state sponsored travel to states that create the grounds for such discrimination and to bar any such publicly funded travel unless necessary for the enforcement of state law, to meet contractual obligations or for the protection of public health, welfare and safety;
2. The ban on publicly funded travel shall take effect immediately and shall continue while such laws remain in effect;
3. That organizations and associations of which the state is a member consider enacting a similar travel ban.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 30 day of, 2015.



Daniel P. Malloy
Governor

By His Excellency's Order



Denise Merrill
Secretary of the State

