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STATEMENT OF EQUALITY PENNSYLVANIA: Saturday Night Live Misses the Humor

Harrisburg – Equality Pennsylvania (EQPA) joins our colleagues at GLAAD (The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) in condemning the dangerous and inflammatory anti-transgender segment on the January 29, 2011 episode of Saturday Night Live. This segment ridiculed transgender individuals and degraded their lives and experiences. In an age in which hate crimes against LGBT individuals continue to occur and we have seen the suicide of numerous LGBT youth, this type of dehumanizing broadcast is unacceptable.

We join our colleagues in asking for an apology from Saturday Night Live and NBC for the broadcast and the removal of the segment from the NBC website.

In Pennsylvania, we all need to work together for LGBT dignity and rights. This includes health care, work place protection and nondiscrimination laws. Equality Pennsylvania is committed to these values. Our mission is to be the preeminent LGBT advocacy organization for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and work collaboratively to establish a comprehensive network of individuals and organizations united in securing equal rights for the LGBT community (www.equalitypa.org).

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