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We the undersigned, are proud to add our names to the growing list of members and friends of the University of Vermont community who are committed to making our campus a safe and growth-enhancing place for all bisexual, lesbian, and gay individuals in the classroom, in the residence halls, and in the administration. National Coming Out Day is a chance for members of sexual minorities to proclaim and celebrate their lives. By "coming out" or telling significant others the truth, gay, lesbian, and bisexual people help to dispel invisibility and misunderstanding. We support Coming Out Day not as an imperative to bisexual, lesbian and gay people to expose themselves to the danger that comes from misunderstanding and hatred. It is instead an imperative to the entire community to stand by them by coming out as supporters, friends, and allies, who celebrate diverse lifestyles and oppose the oppression of differentness. It is also a day where everybody can affirm the freedom to live and love responsibly and fully; it is truly a day for all of us.

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