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Members of the General Assembly,

Georgia REALTORS® are a diverse group of more than 43,000 professionals dedicated to fair housing practices and serving individuals without regard to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or physical ability. We are likewise composed in our membership and ascribe this steadfast dedication to a Code of Ethics in which this service is enshrined and to which all Georgia REALTORS® swear an oath to uphold.

We believe that this diversity paves the way for a bright future for Georgia. To make our state even stronger, we must ensure justice for all, with the promise that crimes based on bias or prejudice are prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Holding to our commitment of equal service for all Georgians, we ask the members of the General Assembly to pass a substantive bill against hate crimes. Thus, we fully support House Bill 426 and the direction it takes the state and urge its passage once the General Assembly reconvenes on June 15, 2020.

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