Dear Colleague:

This spring SEMC Council, staff, and members have become aware of new legislation in our Southeast region that runs counter to our guiding principles of equality and mutual respect as stated in SEMC’s Diversity and Inclusion Policy ([www.semcdirect.net](http://www.semcdirect.net/Resources/Documents/Diversity%20and%20inclusion%20policy.pdf)).

In October the SEMC 2016 annual meeting will be in Charlotte. We believe that the strength of the American people lies in our diversity and inclusivity, and that SEMC’s presence in North Carolina will positively impact the local community in Charlotte and make a strong statement about the values that distinguish SEMC and its member institutions. SEMC is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment for all who attend our programs and annual meeting.

Please contact SEMC with any questions or concerns.

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