

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023

Statement on the United States Supreme Court Decision in *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis*
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In America, no person should face discrimination simply because of who they are or who they love. The Supreme Court's disappointing decision in *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis* undermines that basic truth, and painfully, it comes during Pride Month when millions of Americans across the country join together to celebrate the contributions, resilience, and strength of the LGBTQI+ community. While the Court's decision only addresses expressive original designs, I'm deeply concerned that the decision could invite more discrimination against LGBTQI+ Americans. More broadly, today's decision weakens longstanding laws that protect all Americans against discrimination in public accommodations, including people of color, people with disabilities, people of faith, and women.

My administration remains committed to working with our Federal enforcement agencies to rigorously enforce Federal laws that protect Americans from discrimination based on gender identity or sexual orientation. We will also work with States across the country to fight back against attempts to roll back civil rights protections that could follow this ruling. And we will accelerate our march towards full equality for every American.

When one group's dignity and equality are threatened, the promise of our democracy is threatened, and we all suffer. Our work to advance equal rights for everyone will continue. That is why we must pass the Equality Act, which will enshrine civil rights protections for LGBTQI+ Americans in Federal law and strengthen public accommodations protections for all Americans. I urge Congress to swiftly send this legislation to my desk.

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