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On this Transgender Day of Remembrance, we remember a long history of violence against LGBTQI+ populations. Unfortunately, last night's shooting at Club Q in Colorado Springs, which is only 75 miles away from where we are "reconnecting" at this year's Annual Meeting, reminds us that this history is not of the past but very much still of our present. As a Society, we value connection and equity, not isolation and exclusion. The values we profess as a Society require a practice of refusal to forget. We encourage our members to remember and to resist this long and continuing history; a history that forces us to pair the word "again" with the recognition of the premature and unnecessary loss of these particular and precious lives.

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