



**New Mexico Association for the Gifted**

April 22, 2016

National Association of Gifted Children Board of Directors  
Attn: Dr. George Betts, President  
1331 H Street, NW, Suite 1001  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Dr. Betts,

The New Mexico Association for the Gifted (NMAG) has become aware that the National Association of Gifted Children has plans to host the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. As a result of the passing of HB2, the NMAG Board has concerns about hosting the convention at this venue.

In September 2015, the NAGC issued the position statement "Supporting Gifted Students with Diverse Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities." Included is the statement "NAGC, which has an organizational policy of non-discrimination, supports respectful and equitable treatment of GLBTQ gifted youth. NAGC recommends that educators demonstrate compassionate understanding of these students and support them in maximizing their potential" and a recommendation to "Work toward safe schools/safe zones to protect and nurture the unique sensitivities of GLBTQ gifted youth." North Carolina's HB2 opposes this position.

The NMAG Board encourages and will support a move to an alternate venue in a different state. We understand the extensive planning and commitments the NAGC has already made and offer our assistance in making this move.

Respectfully,

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