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MARTINSBURG - Fairness WV and ACLU-WV have launched WV Bully Free, a statewide anti-bullying campaign, with hopes to secure effective anti-bullying policies in West Virginia.

WV Bully Free takes a stand against bullying by documenting stories of harassment based on perceived sexual orientation and gender identity in order to raise awareness of the problem.

"Our campaign works to protect all students, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students, from harassment and bullying in West Virginia's schools," said Bradley Milam, program director of Fairness WV. "Because no current laws expressly protect students on the basis of sexual orientation, we plan to push for comprehensive anti-bullying awareness with a video project that will expose the anti-LGBT bullying epidemic here in West Virginia."

The campaign encourages individuals to add their voice to the conversation about bullying, from the victim and their peers and friends, to parents and school administrators. The stories, oral and written, are documented on the campaign's website, www.wvbullyfree.com. Anyone wanting to participate can submit their stories through their website.

By sharing stories, the campaign hopes to show policymakers that current anti-bullying policies don't nearly go far enough, and that LGBT students especially are constant targets of harassment.

Fairness WV is the statewide civil rights advocacy organization dedicated to fair treatment and civil rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender West Virginians. ACLU-WV is a nonpartisan, nonprofit membership organization whose mission is to fulfill the promise of the Bill of Rights for all West Virginians and expand the reach of its guarantees to new areas.

If you or someone you know would like to participate, please visit www.wvbullyfree.com.

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"WV Bully Free takes a stand against bullying by documenting stories of harassment based on perceived sexual orientation and gender identity in order to raise awareness of the problem."

Its not a problem, its an agenda. I called this one a long time ago. This is a way to censor peoples beliefs about homosexual practice. And how do they do it? They will introduce the behaviours detail to your children. This is what a decaying society prioritises. How anyone could allow their child to be exposed to this 5mut...