



New York, NY—February 21, 2024— The Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD), American Alliance of Museums (AAM), the Association of Academic Museums and Galleries (AAMG), and the Association of Art Museum Curators (AAMC) have issued the following statement on West Virginia’s House Bill 4654:

Our organizations—which represent North America’s leading art museums—strongly condemn the recent passage of West Virginia’s House Bill 4654. By removing these exemptions, HB 4654 jeopardizes the ability of art museums and their professionals to curate and display diverse and challenging artworks that are essential for fostering creativity, critical thinking, and an educated citizenry. We firmly believe in the importance of preserving the autonomy and intellectual freedom of museums as spaces for exploration and free expression. We support the statement by the [West Virginia Association of Museums](#), which echoes many of our own concerns, and offer our support for their ongoing work.

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