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For NHH

To: Dr. Denise Dezolt, Chair of IRB
From: Jacque Lynne Washkwich, Al Lott, Ph.D.
Representatives of the *Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism*

Date: February 9, 1996

The URI campus *Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism* thinks it is important for the URI Institutional Review Board to take into consideration the problems of heterosexist bias in scientific research. Attached are questions and guidelines, as thoughtfully articulated by Herek, Kimmel, Amaro, & Melton, that should help in evaluating if a research project is affected by this bias. As Chair of the IRB, we ask you to give this matter your consideration. Please let us know if these guidelines could be incorporated in all IRB reviews of research including human subjects, and do get back to us if you have any questions or further actions you need from our committee.