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The Staff Council of The University of Mississippi is encouraged by the student leadership through the Associated Student Body Senate. The students engaged in many discussions and had an open dialogue about this issue. Their vote to remove the State Flag from The University of Mississippi campus shows great understanding for their fellow students and the university community; and that the student body is supportive of an inclusive campus for all people.

The Members of The University of Mississippi Staff Council express their steadfast support of our students and of the many members of the university community. As the state's flagship university, we must lead and stand as an example of what an inclusive institution of higher education should be in our great state. The University of Mississippi continues to strive in an effort to achieve a campus environment that is open and inclusive to all of the Ole Miss family. The removal of this flag is an example of our efforts and is a principle reflected in our Creed, "I believe in respect for the dignity of each person."

We, the staff members of The University of Mississippi, our regional campuses, and The University of Mississippi Medical Center stand together and offer our unwavering support of an inclusive campus and we call for the removal of the Mississippi State Flag until there is a state flag that is representative of all Mississippians.

The Staff Council of The University of Mississippi

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