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Presenting Psychological Science to the U.S. Supreme Court

APA filed an [amicus brief](#) on three cases now before the Supreme Court that center on whether Title VII of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964—which prohibits discrimination based on sex—protects LGBT individuals at work. APA's brief cites scientific literature on gender and sexuality that supports the understanding that discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity is discrimination because of sex and is therefore prohibited under federal law. The court's decision could effectively determine whether federal non-discrimination protections cover LGBT people across several contexts, including employment, housing, health care and education. Over the years, APA has filed numerous *amicus* briefs in cases regarding sexual orientation. "We are hopeful that the U.S. Supreme Court will continue to rely on this evidence and rule that LGBT citizens deserve the same workplace protections as everyone else," said APA President Rosie Phillips Davis, PhD, ABPP, in an Oct. 8 [statement](#).

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Seeking to Protect Students from Sudden College Closures

APA is voicing its [support](#) for the bipartisan Stop College Closures Act of 2019 ([H.R. 4615](#)), introduced by Reps. Donna Shalala (D-Fla.), Peter King (R-N.Y.) and Sean Casten (D-Ill.). The bill would require institutional accreditors to proactively monitor higher education institutions that are at risk of financial instability and improve protections for students in the wake of sudden college closures. The need for such protections became clear earlier this year with the shutdown of Argosy University, which upended the lives and education of hundreds of doctoral psychology students.

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Working to Safeguard Essential Nutrition Programs

APA is working to ensure that 3.1 million low-income households do not lose access to vital food and nutrition services. In [comments](#) to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, APA condemned a proposed rule that would change eligibility in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). APA highlighted psychological research demonstrating that SNAP provides both short- and long-term health benefits, including reduced food insecurity, improved overall health and decreased psychological stress.

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