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Issue The "Add the Words, Idaho" Campaign is working toward amending the Idaho Human Rights Act to protect people of the LGBT community against discrimination in the workplace, housing, education, and in public school.

Project Description I worked with Dr. Caldwell-O'Keefe, Professor of LGBT studies at Boise State University, as well as Nicole LeFavour, ex-Senator of Idaho, who worked very hard for the "Add the Words, Idaho." My key message is this: Nobody in the state of Idaho should be treated without respect based on their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. On humanrights.idaho.gov, they state: "Our commission works towards ensuring that all people within the state are treated with dignity and respect in their places of employment, housing, education, and public accommodations." "All people" include people of the LGBT community. The LGBT community needs a voice, and that voice needs to be heard, and that is what Add the Words, Idaho is all about." "For seven years our lawmakers have denied us a hearing that would bring us one step closer to having a printed bill, to be heard in the House and Senate committees and chambers, and to pass this much needed amendment." Quote from Add the Words, Idaho.

Project Outcome The outcome of my project includes a greater understanding of local issues in the LGBT community. It has opened my eyes to LGBT inequality in Idaho, and our nation.

Request I would like them to help pass a bill for anti-discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. I also hope that they enjoy my presentation.