The Department of Theatre and Dance joins with the other departments on campus that have issued statements/resolutions condemning the recent actions of the SC House of Representatives in respect to Fun Home and the principles of Academic Freedom with the following resolution.

“A democracy requires an enlightened electorate. Its citizens, especially those of legal age to vote, must be able to read or hear diverse ideas and weigh their merits with reason and compassion lest they become vulnerable to tyranny. College students will never become such free citizens if they are not allowed to consider and express diverse ideas and points of view. The Department of Theatre and Dance at the College of Charleston believes that all citizens in this democracy have a responsibility to lift themselves and others up to ever higher planes of understanding. Our Department condemns recent actions by the South Carolina State Legislature as well as any other attempts to censor materials we might explore on our campus or to infringe on principles of academic freedom. It is vital to our community and our world that texts be read, discussed, and performed without any censorship so that all may grow in their ability to perceive, to question, and to care.”

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