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Dear Editor,

This letter accompanies the submission of the manuscript titled “Perceived Efficacy and Risk of Sexual Orientation Change Efforts (SOCE): Evidence from a U.S. Sample of 125 Male Participants.” The two authors are: D. Paul Sullins, 4303 Gallatin St., Hyattsville, MD 20781, email sullins@cua.edu, phone 240-444-1117. Christopher Rosik, 1734 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93711, email christopherrosik@linkcare.org, phone 559-439-5920 x 142. Both authors approve and agree to publish the current version of the paper.

As I noted in the note to editors, this study presents a revised version of a study which a previous journal has refused to publish for ideological reasons. In the study we propose that ideological polarization has hindered research on this topic, which is politically controversial. For these reasons we believe this study may be of interest for readers of this journal.

Following the study we have also posted two comments. One is an authors' note describing our poor treatment and pending retraction at the previous journal, and why we believe this action is specious. The second comment presents our response to a critical comment, which the previous journal has also refused to publish.

We hope that, rather than permitting the previous journal to suppress evidence and debate on this issue, publishing our revised study in JOIBS will instead enable more debate and consideration of the evidence, from any ideological point of view, whether or not such debate and consideration tends to confirm or rebut our findings.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission. I think I have correctly submitted everything I need to, but if I have missed anything, please let me know and I will amend it.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Paul Sullins".

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