

SABA North America's Statement on Proposed City of Seattle Ordinance on Caste Discrimination

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SABA North America supports the proposed City of Seattle ordinance seeking to add protections against discrimination based on an individual's caste; and amending Sections 3.14.910, 3.14.931, 3.110.260, 4.80.020, 6.02.270, 6.202.230, 14.04.020, 14.04.030, 14.04.040, 14.06.020, 14.06.030, 14.08.015, 14.08.020, 14.08.045, 14.08.070, 14.08.190, 14.10.010, 14.10.020, and 18.12.280 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Discrimination in any form is unacceptable, and the decision to take action against caste discrimination is a positive step forward in the pursuit of social justice.

Caste discrimination is a deeply entrenched problem, and this type of discrimination can prevent people from accessing employment, education, healthcare, and other opportunities, limiting their ability to fully participate in society.

The proposed Seattle ordinance aims to protect individuals from discrimination based on their caste or perceived caste, and it is an important step in ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.

By taking action to ban caste discrimination, the City of Seattle will be sending a message that it will not tolerate any form of discrimination, and that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.

SABA North America applauds the City of Seattle's leadership for its commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable community. Let us all continue to work together to create a society that is free from all forms of discrimination, and where everyone can live and work without fear of being treated unfairly.