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Senator Jared Carpenter
702 Capital Ave
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RE: Fairness Law for LGBTQ+

Dear Senator Carpenter:

I write now to request that you sponsor or co-sponsor a state-wide Fairness Law that prohibits public accommodation and housing discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. All Kentuckians have a right to live without fear of unjust discrimination, regardless of their race, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

The United States Supreme Court recently ruled in favor for protecting individuals from workplace discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. This monumental decision will provide job protection for LGBTQ+ Kentuckians, but it will not protect them from housing and public accommodation discrimination. According to the LGBT Health Education Center, LGBT high school students attempt suicide 4.5 times more than non-LGBT students. The LGBTQ community is a vulnerable minority and lawmakers have a moral duty to protect them from discrimination.

“Defend the weak and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.
Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” Psalms 82: 3-4

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert A. Morrin
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