



September 29, 2007

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 14 — Veto Request

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

Although you have signed many of the LGBT agenda bills to come to your desk, you should veto this bill.

AB 14 (Laird) goes too far. Because this bill prohibits state funding for any program that does not support homosexuality, bisexuality, or transsexuality, churches and other houses of faith that operate state-funded social service programs, which provide essential services to children and adults in need, could dry up.

Negatively impacted would be religious-based day care, pre-school and after-school programs, food and housing programs, senior services, anti-gang efforts, job programs, and more. Throughout California, there are faith-based services that receive government funding that simply do not and will not accept certain sexual lifestyles found in Civil Code, Section 51 and Government Code, Section 11135, in which this bill is rooted.

Crossing the line into intolerance, AB 14 also forces every hospital in California, even private, religious hospitals, to adopt policies in support of homosexuality, bisexuality, and transsexuality. This would obviously infringe upon matters of personal and religious conscience.

Under AB 14, private country clubs, tennis clubs and racquet clubs would also be forced to support these sexual lifestyles against their consciences. AB 14 also opens up nonprofit organizations to lawsuits if they exclude members that engage in homosexual, bisexual, or transsexual conduct. This part of the bill certainly threatens the Boy Scouts, which is a membership organization as well as a nonreligious nonprofit.

There are already enough laws in California prohibiting unfair discrimination. It is wrong to go so far as to punish individuals, organizations, businesses, and churches that have moral values on sexual conduct and lifestyles. AB 14 violates people's moral boundaries, and should be vetoed.

Sincerely,

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