



July 27, 2009

To the Honorable Members of the Austin City Council:

I am writing on behalf of the members and board of directors of the Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. I am asking that you pass the proposed anti-discrimination resolution being presented for your consideration. The passing of this resolution will send a clear message to the greater community that Austin is a supportive and inclusive environment for people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender.

Currently, neither federal or state law protects employees from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity / expression. While the LGBT community works to convince state and national leaders why equal treatment for all citizens in the workplace is important, I am delighted to know that Austin's City Government is taking steps in the right direction to ensure that our LGBT citizens are protected from workplace discrimination by city contractors.

I appreciate your support on this issue and look forward to working with you in the future for progress in Austin's LGBT community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'C' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

Chad Peevy
President
Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce