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Mr. Dan Cathy
President
Chick-fil-A
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Dear Mr. Cathy:

It is with profound disillusionment and a sense of deep sadness that I to write this letter in response to your recent comments. Last week you expressed support for denying gay Americans the prized right of marriage that heterosexual couples in this country so freely take for granted.

As an American you are legally entitled to your opinion, regardless of how insensitive and intolerant it may be, but as a fellow American and an elected member of Philadelphia City Council; I am entitled to express my opinion as well. So please - take a hike and take your intolerance with you. There is no place for this type of hate in our great City of Brotherly and Sisterly Affection.

As the head of a major national corporation you should be setting the example for positive leadership rather than resorting to cheap comments that seek to demean some and divide us all. And as the leader of Chick-fil-A, your anti-gay sentiments must not go unchallenged.

At the next meeting of Philadelphia's City Council, I will introduce a resolution condemning you and your company for this expression of intolerance and hate, which is all the painful as our states move in a direction of equality and fairness - six states so far and several more on the way.

Sadly, your own intolerance is a clear sign of your blindness to the discrimination that gay Americans have had to contend with for far too long. Rather than condemning our younger generation for their views on same-sex marriage, we should be commending them for shedding the prejudices of past generations and embracing all our differences and diversities as a unique American treasure.

Sincerely,

James F. Kenney
Philadelphia City Councilman At-Large

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