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Governor Tom Corbett
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA. 17120

Dear Governor Corbett,

As a fellow Republican, I am writing to share my views on same-sex marriage in a time where I fear the laws of our state are out of touch with what is right and just.

I will always uphold my oath to obey the Constitution and the laws of our Commonwealth, which is why I recently refused to perform a same-sex marriage in New Hope Borough. But in my heart I strongly believe same-sex marriage should be legal and hope very soon I will be able to join any couple who desires to express their love through marriage.

It was heartbreaking to inform a couple who have lived together in a committed relationship for more than 20 years that I would be unable to marry them using the marriage license they obtained in Montgomery County. Having performed commitment ceremonies for same-sex couples in the past, I believe extending the rights and privileges to same-sex couples is something we must embrace regardless of Party or political affiliation.

While I will obey the laws of our land as Mayor of New Hope Borough, I hope in the near future this law will change so I can obey the law and do what is right in my heart.

Sincerely,

Larry Keller
Mayor