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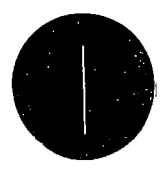
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REPLY TO WASHINGTON ADDRESS



June 28, 1993

To: Alexis Herman, Public Liaison
The White House

From: Jay Lintner, Director, Washington Office
United Church of Christ Office for Church in Society

Enclosed is a letter which we indicated would be coming on Friday. We would very much appreciate it if you could forward this to President Clinton.

We would also greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this issue, if your schedule will permit in the next couple of days.

Shalom.

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Dear Mr. President:

As the directors of Washington offices for our denominations and faith groups, we know how divisive the debate has been on lifting the military ban on gays and lesbians. That divisiveness exists in our churches and synagogues.

We urge you to stand by your principles.

It is immoral for the nation's largest employer to discriminate. It is immoral for the government to force people to lie. It is immoral to rob people of their human dignity in the way that the military has been doing.

We hope that as much as possible you will hold to these basic principles:

- All sexual orientations should be treated equally.
- All sexual misconduct and sexual harassment should be treated equally.

We are disappointed that compromise seems necessary. As you attempt to compromise basic principle, we urge that you include these three specific principles as you draft your executive order:

1. Individuals should not be discharged based on sexual orientation or status.
2. There should be equal enforcement of sexual misconduct violations.
3. There should be no restrictions placed on private speech.

We know from personal experience that there is a price for leadership on this issue. We also know there is a greater price to the nation for failure to meet very basic human rights. For the sake of our national community, we urge you to offer this principled leadership.

Sincerely yours,

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