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President Gary Glenn American Family Association of Michigan PO Box 1904 Midland, Michigan 48641

Dear Mr. Glenn,

I would like to commend you for your courage to challenge the constitutionality of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009. As a Member of the House Committee on the Judiciary, I worked hard to stop this legislation in Committee and on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Like you, I believe this "Hate Crimes" Act is unconstitutional and marks an unprecedented move to regulate and criminalize our thoughts. In the complaint, you raise several constitutional and moral questions. Not only will this Act create a class of people that are "more equal than others," it will hinder your ability to preach the gospel and openly teach biblical principles.

As a Christian first and a congressman second, I know the conviction that brought you to initiate this lawsuit is the same conviction that motivated me in my opposition to this Act in Congress. In Committee, I fought vigorously to expose the true nature and intent of this legislation—to protect individuals engaged in deviant sexual behavior and all of the associated proclivities. I publicly voiced my opposition, called for recorded votes on all of my amendments and went to the House floor to speak against this bill and its inclusion in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Again, I commend you and your efforts to challenge this unconstitutional "Hate Crimes" Act. Please know that you have an ally in Congress that is working hard to protect your freedom and liberty. If I can be of assistance, please do not besitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steve King

Member of Congress