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Mr. David Keene
Chairman
The American Conservative Union
The Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC)
1007 Cameron Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Keene:

We the undersigned are compelled to write and respectfully request that you disallow the homosexual group GOProud (www.goproud.org) from co-sponsoring the 2010 Conservative Political Action Conference.

Among other things, GOProud supports same-sex marriage, same-sex civil unions, and same-sex domestic partnerships; opposes a constitutional amendment to protect marriage as the union of one man and one woman; and supports the repeal of the so-called "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy respecting the armed services.

GOProud supports an agenda that undermines fundamental conservative principles. Ronald Reagan understood the importance of the three legs of conservatism. He brought together social, economic, and national defense conservatives. Working together, we can advance conservative principles. Actively working to saw off one of the legs of conservatism will cause the conservative movement to flounder.

We do not expect every group to march to the beat of the same drum, nor do we expect consensus on tactics or priorities of each group that bears the conservative banner. However, when conservative groups come together as co-sponsors of CPAC, these groups do not expect a co-sponsor to actively work to undermine the *raison d'être* of another co-sponsor. GOProud actively works to undermine the principles of conservatism and many of the co-sponsoring organizations of CPAC.

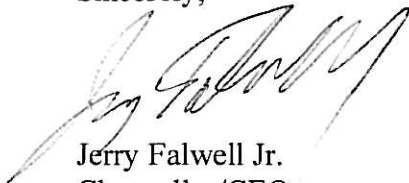
Promoting same-sex marriage, for example, is neither a social nor an economic conservative principle. Put another way, same-sex marriage is nothing less than a policy that supports motherless and fatherless homes. History, social science, and common sense teach us that moms and dads do matter to the well-being of children. On every measurable scale, children fare better when raised with both mom and dad. The so-called fatherless syndrome is well documented. Homes that lack a diversity of gender, or, worse, that skews the view of the absent gender, as same-sex unions do, result in both social and economic consequences. Strong families – families with a mom and dad – is the first form of government. If the foundation be weakened, then the form of government is affected. There are economic and social consequences to embracing a policy that supports motherless and fatherless families.

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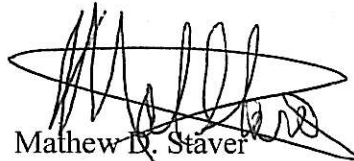
We, the leaders of conservative organizations, are left little choice but to pledge to withdraw our own co-sponsorship of CPAC and to withdraw our support and involvement with the upcoming CPAC convention in 2010 should GOProud remain as a co-sponsor. I'm sure you understand that such a public boycott by many of the country's leading conservative and Christian organizations will be very costly to CPAC both monetarily, and in terms of reputation. Liberty University alone, for instance, brings from between 150 – 200 students and tens of thousands of dollars annually to CPAC. In subsequent pages you will find signatures from the leaders of other organizations who also support the position outlined in this letter.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter. Since time is of the essence, we would appreciate a response by the close of business, 5 p.m., on December 21, 2009.

Sincerely,



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