



Dear Owners and Administrators of Adoption Profiles, LLC:

My name is Jennifer Chrisler. In addition to being the proud parent of two beautiful, five-year-old twin boys, Tim and Tom, I am a lesbian, a wife, and the executive director of Family Pride, the national advocacy organization dedicated to securing family equality.

By now you are no doubt aware of my organization. In recent weeks, you have received countless e-mail messages from lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) parents, our members, from around the country, voicing outrage over your discriminatory adoption policies. We were made aware that your company lost a legal battle in the state of California. You refused to post the profile of two prospective adoptive parents because they were a gay couple. You violated California law and your mission to ensure that all children find permanent, loving homes. California sided with the cause of equality and what's in the best interests of each individual child.

Our members wanted to let you know how damaging your actions are to children nationwide—in a time when this country's foster system cares for 500,000 kids each year, more than 120,000 of which are eligible for permanent, loving families. They also wanted to share their personal stories, to show you that parenting and sexual orientation have nothing to do with one another—that being a good parent is about love, commitment, care and concern.

We trust you have read our e-mails and viewed our family photos, and that you were touched, as anyone who claims to support families would be, by our families' shining faces. In the event that you have not read our e-mails, I have included hard copies of each one herein.

It has been our experience as a community of LGBTQ parents that when people with prejudice take the time to get to know us and our families they quickly change their misguided perspectives and come to understand that love of family is the same no matter who it is shared between.

In addition to the heartfelt stories you have received, there is also 25 years of scientific evidence that shows children raised by same-sex parents do equally as well as those raised by heterosexual parents. From relationships with their peers to their own self-esteem, our children are well-adjusted and succeeding. I have included a summary of research that was recently presented at our Academic Symposium. I think you will find it educational.

Please take the time to learn more about our families. We welcome a response from your company to the charge of discrimination and your plans to fix it. We understand that you have decided, as of now, to stop doing business in California in order to avoid the court's decision. We urge you not to stop doing business in California, for your services, at some root level, provide loving families to children who need them. Instead we hope that you comply with California law and open your doors to the wonderful LGBTQ parents out there who want the same for their families as you do.

But if you continue doing business in California or any other state that does not allow discrimination against our community, we will act. We will be watching. And we hope you do the right thing on behalf of the thousands of needy children waiting for permanent, loving homes.

Sincerely,

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