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I was asked by a citizen's group who somehow obtained my email, to read about the recent discussion of a Chick-Fil-A franchise opening at Denver International Airport and to sign a petition regarding its denial to open a concession based on alleged discriminatory practices. Rather than sign that petition, I felt compelled to write and relate our family's experience.

I have a college age daughter who was employed at a Chick Fil a franchise in our hometown of Laurel, Maryland. She worked there for almost two years until recently moving away to her school. She encountered people from many different cultures, religions and lifestyle choices. What she did not encounter, even once, was discrimination of any kind. Certainly there are people who behave better in the workplace and people who behave worse - but she saw nothing in the treatment of the company and the management that was in any way discriminatory or tolerant of any employee acting in a discriminatory way.

Please do not fall into the trap of the current popular opinion that "one is free to voice one's opinion as long as it agrees with mine." If one wishes for a free speech culture, one must let all opinions be heard. Do not think that everyone is unable to separate their personal opinion from their professional behavior - it has certainly not been our experience at Chick-Fil-A.

Thank you for your attention.

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