From: Windy Steiner
To: dencc - City Council
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Dear city Council,

I am in favor of a Chick-Fil-a restaurant at the airport and I'd like to explain why. I reside in 80222. I'm an RN at a local hospital and volunteer with several local organizations. One being an at-risk-youth mentoring program. I am also a devout Christian and I love my City. I am deeply disturbed by recent legislation occurring here in Denver; a city that claims to embrace diversity. The legislation I'm referring to is the witch hunt against Christians who hold fast to their religious beliefs and dare to oppose gay marriage. What's even more disturbing is that this is not simply a boycott by the citizens of Denver, which is totally appropriate, but it is the government out rightly persecuting the Church. The beauty of America is that we as a nation of all different types of people can have opposing viewpoints with out fear of persecution. It seems we are moving away from that. I would like you to look beyond Dan Cathy's personal views on gay marriage (a view that is not in step with your own and therefore apparently must be punished) and consider chick-Fil-a as a company. They support many local and national charities, they lend aid when there is a crisis. They feed the hungry, and work to enrich the surrounding community. Their customer service is impeccable and they take very good care of their employees. Also, I'm unsure of "the fuel" you are referring to that supports discrimination? In fact there is at least one gay man that works at the chick-Fil-a on Colfax, which I frequent. To be honest, I'm not really even sure why the City Council has the power to vote on this at all. If this were a Muslim for instance, much like the woman wearing a burka that you are pictured with on your webpage, Paul Lopez, there wouldn't even be a question of morals at all, despite the well know fact that Muslims also vehemently oppose gay marriage. In fact, in the Middle East right now homosexuals are being hanged in droves. It would seem that for whatever reason, many of you have a personal vendetta against Christians. I'm here to tell you to BACK OFF. Separation of church and state works both ways... Unless you are embracing, let's say, Nazi ideology. Consider this poem written during that time by Martin Niemoller:

First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.

I implore this city council. Do not do this evil thing. Do not choose the path along a slippery slope that will most likely wind up affecting the future for all of us and our children. Allow free thought to continue with out fear of persecution. Practice the "tolerance" you preach.

Peacefully yours,

~Windy Steiner