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Ms Kniech, Mr Lopez,

Thank you for your service to your city of Denver and your willingness to represent citizens at the lowest level of government. You and your fellow city council members have a significant responsibility, and perhaps more so than any other level of government, your actions directly impact your constituents. Please know that I recognize the weight of your responsibility and respect you for your service.

In the wake of the national debate and subsequent supreme court decision regarding gay marriage, there seems to be increasing antagonism toward people that support Biblical marriage, between one man and one woman. Needless to say, this decision has far-from-settled this debate and done nothing to calm the storm surrounding the issue. It's an important issue that cannot be settled by government mandates and broad-sweeping, federal legislation.

This antagonism is not only apparent in the media and entertainment industries but it's now creeping into the workplace. As if that's not alarming enough, now the government (your Denver city council included) is actively seeking to take action against companies that employ individuals that oppose same-sex marriage. I'm concerned that you have allowed your individual preferences and personal beliefs to interfere with your duties as a member of city council with regards to allowing Chick-Fil-A to operate in DIA. I believe that you are in scary territory if you decide to discriminate against a company solely because of the beliefs of their CEO.

http://money.cnn.com/2015/08/24/news/companies/chick-fil-a-denver/index.html
http://dailysignal.com/2015/08/24/the-hypocrisy-of-denvers-war-on-chick-fil-a/
http://thefederalist.com/2015/08/26/denver-hey-lets-shut-down-businesses-that-oppose-gay-marriage/

Oddly enough, Chick-Fil-A has clearly been able to set aside personal beliefs (from their website: "We firmly believe in treating every person who comes through our doors with honor, dignity, and respect. We teach it to everyone who comes to work at Chick-fil-A)". Additionally, Chick-fil-A is the highest ranking fast food restaurant for customer satisfaction, according to the American Customer Satisfaction Index Restaurant Report 2015. This certainly doesn't sound like a company that supports "depriving people and their families of rights" according to your quote. It's very alarming that a local government such as yours is seeking to punish or even effectively silence individuals and corporations who hold beliefs other than yours. This is an obvious case of intolerance and closed-mindedness, ironically something of which that Chick-Fil-A and other companies based on Judeo-Christian values are frequently accused.

Ms Kneich, you're concerned about "corporate profits used to fund and fuel discrimination"? What about the taxpayers of Denver and visitors to your city that pay your salary? That sounds an awful lot like GOVERNMENT REVENUES used to fund and fuel discrimination. Ms Kneich, I'm sure that you feel that every civilization since creation that recognized marriage as "one man, one woman" were discriminatory and LGBTs throughout history have

been oppressed for their lifestyle choices and differing opinions. Let me ask you, does it seem prudent to discriminate against people who hold different opinions than you? Do you want to live in a society that punishes those who are different, or in the minority (which supporters of Biblical marriage are not)? The implications of your decisions are staggering and indicative of intolerance of the highest order.

Ms Kneich, if you are truly concerned about companies that support entities that "depriv(e) people and their families of rights"- Mr Lopez, if this truly is a moral issue, - please scrutinize Starbucks and Ben-and-Jerrys (both of whom operate at DIA) and their support of Planned Parenthood. If you are truly consistent and concerned about people's rights, then you MUST be concerned about the recent revelations that Planned Parenthood affiliates are harvesting and selling infant body parts, crushing unborn infants, and killing babies outside of the womb. What about a baby's right to life? What about a woman's right to safe, sanitary, transparent medical practices when trusting their health to a Planned Parenthood affiliated clinic? Please tell me that these issues concern you and that you are exercising the same scrutiny when vetting these companies desiring to do business in Denver.

With Regards,

A Concerned American Citizen

Matt Parker