



August 17, 2010

Mark Haney, President
Kentucky Farm Bureau
9201 Bunsen Parkway
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Dear Mr. Haney,

The Fairness Campaign and a growing coalition of ally organizations recently became aware of many discriminatory or socially unjust policies detailed in a recent edition of the "Kentucky Farm Bureau Policies" booklet that supposedly "represents the thinking of 470,934 Farm Bureau member families" in Kentucky.

We are greatly concerned by a number of the policies detailed in the booklet, and respectfully request that Kentucky Farm Bureau strike them from its advocacy and legislative lobbying efforts now and in the future.

These organizations, and more that will be added to this coalition in the days and weeks to come, oppose one or more of the Kentucky Farm Bureau policies listed below, and request their removal from the "Kentucky Farm Bureau Policies" manual:

American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky (ACLU-KY)
Fairness Campaign
Jefferson County Chapter of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth
Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression
Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
Kentucky Fairness Alliance
Kentucky Jobs With Justice
Lexington Fairness
Metropolitan Community Church
Sienna
W.E.N.C.H.
Women In Transition (WIT)

From the "2009 Kentucky Farm Bureau Policies" manual:

p. 15, lines 52-53: "We maintain our belief in the equality of all persons under the law and we are opposed to granting special privileges to anyone."

p. 15, lines 54-55: "The institution of marriage should only be recognized as the legal union of a man and a woman."

p. 15, lines 56-57: "We are opposed to any state-supported agency providing benefits to 'domestic' partners."

p. 16, lines 1-2: "We strongly believe in the value of all individuals both born and unborn."

p. 57, lines 47-48: "We strongly oppose teacher strikes. We oppose legislation that mandates collective bargaining for public school employees."

p. 58, line 20: "Alternative lifestyles should not be taught in public schools."

p. 71, line 12: "We oppose an increase in the minimum hourly wage."

p. 71, lines 13-14: "We recommend that the federal prevailing wage law be repealed when dealing with government contracts."

p. 71, lines 23-25: "We strongly oppose any mandate that would require any government entities to recognize and collectively bargain with employee unions."

p. 71, lines 27-27: "Furthermore, we oppose public employees being permitted to strike, organize work stoppages or slow-downs."

p. 71, line 33: "We oppose unionization of farmers and farm laborers."

p. 82, lines 15-16: "We support efforts and laws to strengthen the sanctity of families."

p. 82, line 82: "We support capital punishment."

Please call me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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