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Dear Dr. Dobson,

We are the people of Soulforce. Soulforce is an interfaith movement committed to ending spiritual violence perpetuated by religious teachings and actions against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. We seek change guided entirely by the principles of relentless nonviolent resistance as lived and taught by Jesus, Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.

We genuinely appreciate all that you have done to help heterosexual families around the globe and we share your concern about the state of the family. Divorce rates still hover around fifty-percent as heterosexual families break up because of poor communication, financial strain, domestic violence, substance abuse, and many other problems. Yet, Focus on the Family routinely portrays lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people as the number one threat to heterosexual marriage, families, and even the stability of our nation. Dr. Dobson, gays and lesbians form loving families too and your spiritual violence against us must stop.

You frighten America by twisting the clinical research to support your anti-gay views despite the fact that every major health and mental health association has issued policy statements that refute your outdated scientific understanding of homosexuality. Even the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, of which you are a member, refutes your untruths about us. Recently, they issued the following statement:

“The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy takes the position that same sex orientation is not a mental disorder. Therefore, we do not believe that sexual orientation in and of itself requires treatment or intervention.”

For ten years we have written, faxed, phoned, fasted on site, hoped and prayed that you would consider the truth that homosexuality is just another of God’s mysterious gifts and that homosexuals, too, love God, their families and this nation. Year after year you have refused to even consider the truth. We have monitored your words and actions against us through your radio broadcasts, your guest appearances on national interview programs, fundraising letters, magazines, cassettes, DVD’s, CD’s, books and booklets. Unfortunately, rather than seeking the truth and being changed by it, you continue to bear false witness against us. Your powerful voice, heard by 200 million people daily, continues to destroy lives, divide families, and break God's heart.

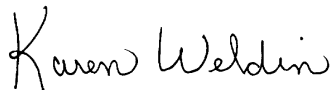
Now, we feel it our responsibility to warn the nation of the tragic consequences of your anti-homosexual campaign. Over the next five months we will be launching a website that responds to the lies by which you falsely describe God's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender children. We are also bringing hundreds of same-gender couples and families, our single friends and our heterosexual allies to Colorado Springs in 2005, to make our protest clear to the nation. While we feel called to speak truth to your untruths about us, we are still ready and willing to meet with you to negotiate an end to the flood of misinformation that flows out of your offices in Colorado Springs.

We will be in Colorado Springs on Friday morning, January 7, 2005, and would like to meet with you personally. If that date is not convenient, please contact us at 918-452-3184 so that we can schedule an alternate date. We are simply asking you to see the evidence for yourself, and either prove your false charges or retract them. The moment you see the truth and are set free by it, we will stop our efforts and give you praise. Until then, it is important that someone expose your anti-homosexual campaign and its tragic consequences in the lives of individuals and families in this country and around the world.

Sincerely,



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