

To the Boy Scouts of America:

Show courage.

Stand firm for timeless values.

News reports indicate that the national leaders of the Boy Scouts are considering changing their longstanding policy against having openly homosexual Scout leaders or Scouts.

This would be a grave mistake.

Every American who believes in freedom of thought and religious liberty should be alarmed by the attacks upon the Boy Scouts, who have had core convictions about

morality for 100 years. Every Scout takes an oath to keep himself "morally straight." The Boy Scouts have every right to include sexual conduct in how they define that term. Many of our organizations stood with the Boy Scouts when the Supreme Court of the United States upheld their right to maintain their membership standards. **To compromise moral principles under political and financial pressure would teach boys cowardice, not courage.**

Every parent concerned about guiding and protecting their own children should also be alarmed by the proposed change to Boy Scout policy. As the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) confirmed as recently as last July, "the vast majority of the parents" of Boy Scouts reserve to themselves the right to introduce and give guidance on sexual topics. In addition, the current policy is part of the BSA's efforts to protect Scouts from sexual abuse. Last year BSA released their so-called "perversion files," which contained the names of hundreds of sexual predators who had managed to hide their attraction to boys and enter the Boy Scouts. **How will parents be able to entrust their children to the Boy Scouts if they trade the well-being of the boys for corporate dollars?**

We, the undersigned organizations, urge the Boy Scouts of America to make no changes in national membership standards.

Alaska Family Action

American Civil Rights Union

American Family Association

American Values

Bott Radio Network

Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute

Center for Arizona Policy

Center for Military Readiness

Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty

Christian Civic League of Maine

Citizens for Community Values

Concerned Women for America

Cornerstone Action

Family Foundation of Virginia

Family Institute of Connecticut

Family Research Council

Florida Family Policy Council

High Impact Leadership Coalition

Illinois Family Institute

International Communion of Evangelical Churches

Kansas Family Policy Council

Liberty Counsel

Louisiana Family Forum

Massachusetts Family Institute

Media Research Center

Minnesota Family Council

New Hope Foundation

New Jersey Family Policy Council

New Yorker's Family Research Foundation

Oak Initiative

Ohio Faith and Freedom Coalition

Palmetto Family Alliance

Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays

Patriot Voices

Psalms 103 Foundation

Public Interest Institute

ReAL Action

Texas Values

The Family Leader

The Family Policy Council of West Virginia

Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission

Wisconsin Family Action



CALL THE BOY SCOUTS AT 972-580-2000

AND TELL THEM NOT TO CHANGE THEIR MEMBERSHIP STANDARDS

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