

Dear Mr. Curtis and Mr. Pickett,

I am a lifelong Scouter and proud to wear the uniform of the BSA. In recent years, this pride has been severely tested as Scouting's image has been tarnished by the label of bigot. I have spent many, many hours recruiting on the San Francisco Peninsula and explaining to software architects, venture capitalists and university professors that Scouting does not stand for the sort of intolerance and discrimination that the leaders in Irving, Texas are pushing on us.

In addition to my vocal protest against National's policy, I will continue my practice of giving most of the annual dollars I contribute to Scouting to the Northern Star Council for their honorable stand against the BSA's policy on homosexuality.

I ask you to join me and the Northern Star Council in living up to the Scout's commitment to bravery and taking a stand against this institutionalized discrimination based on sexual orientation. Our program should stay laser focused on its core mission of teaching leadership, citizenship and outdoor skills to America's youth.

Sincerely,

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