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PENNSYLVANIA RURAL GAY CAUCUS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Hi!

I would like to introduce myself as Barry Lace. It is my fortune or misfortune of becoming the Chairperson of the Rural Gay Caucus of Pennsylvania. I hope to carry on many of the concerns present prior to my election and hopefully create additional areas of interest.

My background is one of Community Organization. I have been primarily involved with creating community awareness and acceptance for the developmentally disabled; the mentally retarded, cerebral palsied, epileptic, autistic, and the learning disabled. Many of the rights which we as Gay people are being denied are also being denied these handicapped persons. I hope the skills and knowledge from my past experiences with the disabled and disadvantaged will be useful in our effort to assure Gay people their rightful place in society.

It is my intention that YOU are the most important part in this struggle for equality. Therefore, I would like to hear from you concerning ideas, means of achieving your ideas, and how you would like to be involved in bringing them about. Involvement means to me the type of action which is most comfortable for YOU in YOUR situation. It is also my intention to be communicating on local bases with different groups and individuals to create a solid strategy in our effort to achieve what we desire.

I see this committee as being a co-ordinating body with general goals and with you on the local level being the power that is necessary to accomplish the task. This means that the committee will help YOU in YOUR endeavor to influence our society from YOUR perspective.

Obviously we need general directions and goals but I am sure that individual goals and methods will be met within that context.

This has been a brief introduction to myself and my intentions and hopefully we will be in contact in the future.

Please feel free to be in touch with me for any questions or concerns.

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I hope to see You as a part of Our struggle.

Sincerely,

Barry Lace
Chairperson
Legislative Committee

August 11, 1976

INFORMATION FEEDBACK--LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE--RURAL GAY CAUCUS

Your reactions to and possible involvement concerning these issues would be greatly appreciated.

PRIORITIES--List in order of preference:

- _____ Repeal of Pennsylvania's Sodomy Law
- _____ Extension of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include sexual preference (homosexuals)
- _____ Creating awareness with other interest groups (Church, ACLU, Lawyers, Medical persons, Clubs, etc.).
- _____ Campaigning for political candidates on a local, state, or national level.
- _____ Others _____

INVOLVEMENT--Please check your interests:

- _____ Co-ordinator of a small geographical area (two or three counties).
- _____ Letter writing.
- _____ Telephoning.
- _____ Campaigning for candidates.
- _____ Contacting interest groups (non-gay) or individuals in your area.
- _____ Financial support.
- _____ Member of legislative committee.
- _____ Other _____

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Thank you for your cooperation

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELE #: _____