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Legislative Committee of the Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus

Fellow Committee Member:

It is with a sense of great disappointment and regret that I must report to you that the anticipated introduction of a Bill repealing the Sodomy statutes will not be introduced into the Senate at this time. While at this writing I do not know all of the reasons for this, it does appear that there simply did not seem to be sufficient support within the Senate for the Bill. Certainly this is not our point of view; in fact, we had hoped to develop support following the introduction.

At this point, then, our planned effort at letter writing and the like does not seem to be as relevant as it did, at least to this particular issue. However, we still have a lot to accomplish; in fact, perhaps more, as a consequence.

We will meet on Saturday, May 22, at the apartment of Sam Deetz, at 248 Queen Street in Northumberland, on the third floor. If you take Route 11 from Danville into Northumberland, you will see that the route divides, so that you are on a one-way street. Eventually, Route 11 turns left; if you do not turn, but proceed directly forward one block, you will be at Queen Street. Turn right and travel two or three blocks to number 248. The meeting time will be about 7:00 p.m., following supper after the meeting of Liaisons.

It is most important that we bring ideas for the best application of the efforts of all concerned. We could discuss such areas as election involvement, plans for activity during the current legislative session, plans for the new session, emphasizing local activities for the near future, concentration on less specific forms of lobbying in the near future to establish groundwork for the future, etc. Talk this up among your friends, and come prepared for discussion.

In gay fellowship,

Bill

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