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Dear Ray,

I, and the several other members of LE-HI-HO in attendance, found last Saturday's Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus meeting a substantial dissappointment. And worse, we cannot avoid perceiving it as part of a trend during the past few months.

Therefore, at our most recent Board of Directors meeting, held last night, the Board of Directors voted, unanimously, to withdraw our support of, and recall our Liason to, the Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus.

In the course of our lengthy discussion preceeding voting we came to several conclusions. Dominant among them was that the "Caucus" has lost the vitality of a collective membership working cooperatively toward it's goals and has broken down into several bickering factions. Hate has replaced resposibility, and infighting has replaced productivity.

Our decision will, of course, have no effect on individual participation by members of LE-HI-HO. We sincerely hope that in the immediate future we see a "Caucus" which again performs at the peak of it's potential. The Gay People of rural Pennsylvania deserve it.

Best Regards,  
  
Ken Burke, Chairperson

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