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From: Steve Rudner

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 10:58 PM

To: 'Tracy murphree' <tmurphree@hotmail.com>

Subject: RE: Meeting

Mr. Murphree -

I deeply, deeply regret that you've decided not to meet with us.

Yes, you've already said what you wanted to say and have nothing to add. What you've not done is allow yourself the chance to listen. As you know, I'm the Chairman of the Board of Equality Texas, the State's largest LGBT lobbying organization. If you had given me the chance, I would have liked to explain to you that transgender women have been using the women's room for years in Texas; and that during that time, we've not had any man put on a dress for the purpose of going into a women's room to commit a lewd act, which is already illegal. I would have liked to explain to you that the only change in law which is being proposed is one to prevent transgender women from what they've been doing all along, without incident or problem. I would like to have explained to you that your fears are unfounded and that every credible organization representing victims of sexual assault oppose laws which would ban transgender women using the bathroom they've been using all along. I would have explained to you that transgender women and their rights are now being used as a political football to stir up hate in an election cycle.

And I would have liked to explain to you that transgender women, whom as Sheriff, should you be elected, you will be legally obligated to protect, are the victims of murder and crime at a shockingly disproportionate rate, and that your comments have, knowingly or not, intentionally or not, contributed greatly to raising the temperature in an already over-boiling pot which will almost certainly result, sadly, in physical violence towards these women. And I would have liked you to understand that your words appear to have given open license for others to commit violence against this community, and asked you to condemn violence and to commit, meaningfully, to protecting the rights of all.

And I would have liked to discuss the very simple ways that you could have demonstrated to the citizens of Denton County that you will protect the rights of the entire community.

But since we will not have the opportunity to speak, I am afraid that you've left me no recourse other than to address these matters through political channels.

Steve Rudner

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From: Tracy murphree [<mailto:tmurphree@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 8:20 PM

To: Steve Rudner <Rudner@HotelLawyers.com>

Subject: Meeting

Mr. Rudner,

I won't be at the meeting tomorrow. I feel I have made my position clear that I am not targeting transgenders but concerned about predators taking advantage of the policies. I really have nothing else to add.

Respectfully

Tracy Murphree