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Governor George Deukmejian
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA

Dear Governor:

This letter is to urge you most strongly to sign the recently approved Bill AB 1, providing protection for gays in private employment.

High Tech Gays is a professional society of over 200 engineers, scientists, technicians, programmers, etc. who work in the high tech industries of the Santa Clara Valley. Most of us have been closeted at work for fear of the open or subtle pressures which would hamper our promotions or make the working environment intolerable.

The safeguards in AB 1 offer a long sought legal protection from the repercussions of bigotry which individuals often wretchedly bring to the workplace. Most of us do not want to make an issue of our sexuality at work: it is, after all, no one else's business. Yet without AB 1, even unlooked for publicity of our sexual orientation can spell disaster.

Far from exacerbating conflicts in the workplace, AB 1 will stifle such problems because it will be accepted policy not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

Please show your support for the Civil Rights of gays by adding sexual orientation to the list of non-discrimination categories through signing this vitally important Bill.

Very truly yours,

Richard P. Rudy
President