



HIGH TECH GAYS

P.O.Box 6777 San Jose, California 95150

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Honorable Don Edwards
Congressman, 10th District
280 South 1st Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Congressman Edwards:

High Tech Gays is a large and rapidly growing organization of lesbians and gays in the Bay Area who are associated with the high tech industries. Many are your constituents and supporters.

We are committed to working towards the securing of full rights of citizenship for lesbian and gay members of American society, a goal which we believe you support as well.

Gays have been the silent victims of crime for many years: beatings, harassment, repression (and recently the worst crime of all, disenfranchisement by the Supreme Court of the United States). But we are now speaking up, collecting statistics just as other minorities have with police and FBI assistance, for years.

In fact, Kevin Berrill of The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is scheduled to testify on this subject before the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice of the House Judiciary Committee, of which you are a member. The testimony is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, and we urge you to attend this important meeting.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the NGLTF 1985 Report on Anti-Gay Violence which will give you important insights into the seriousness of this issue. Thank you for your attention, and your attendance at the September 25 meeting, and feel free to call on HTG for any additional information you may need.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Rudy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Rudy, President
(and Board Member of NGLTF)

cc: Ken Yeager, BAYMEC
Kevin Berrill, NGLTF