

Thursday, July 13, 1972

Senator George McGovern, 1910 K Street, Northwest, Washington D.C. 20006

On Tuesday night, I presented a speech to the Democratic National Convention opposing Minority Report #8, the Gay Liberation plank. This speech was prepared for me by a lawyer on the staff of the Platform Committee, of which I am a member.

I opposed the plank for reasons of political expediency. The analogies I drew in the speech were aimed to show the possible ramifications of the plank as a political document. I was not aware that the speech would imply that homosexuals are child molesters. CHILD MOLESTATION IS LARGELY A HETEROSEXUAL, NOT HOMOSEXUAL PROBLEM.

I heartily apologize to all members of the Gay Liberation Movement for any other implications which were derived from my speech. I wholeheartedly support the right of all individuals to privacy, and equality in all areas without regard to sexual orientation.

I will do all in my power to urge Senator McGovern to publicly repudiate the statement as prepared by the Platform Committee ~~xxxxx~~ Staff and to publicly reaffirm his support for Gay civil rights.

Kathleen A. Wilch

the village VOICE, August 24, 1972

August 10, 1972

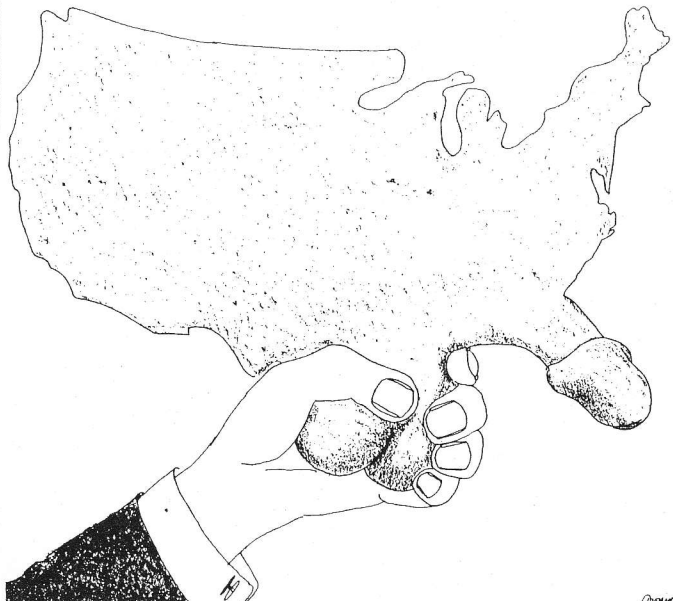
Dear Mr. Wandel:

I want to take this opportunity to assure you that the remarks of Ms. Kathy Wilch opposing the Gay Rights plank at the Democratic National Convention in no way reflect my views on this subject. I have long supported the civil liberties and civil rights of all Americans and have in no way altered my commitment to these rights, and I have no intention of doing so.

Sincerely yours,

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