

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear [School Superintendent or Principal NAME]:

My name is [XXXX], and I live in the school district near [name of school]. I recently learned that the Southern Poverty Law Center – the “SPLC” – named [name of school] as a “Mix It Up Model School.” Unfortunately, I cannot offer congratulations about any award that comes from SPLC.

Are you aware that a federal prosecutor demonstrated in court that a domestic terrorist relied on the SPLC’s website to identify his targets? On February 6, 2013, Floyd Lee Corkins II, a pro-gay activist, pleaded guilty to three charges in federal court including committing an act of terrorism. Corkins is the only person to have been convicted under the District of Columbia’s anti-terrorism statute, enacted in 2002 – after 9/11.

After looking at the SPLC’s Hate Map, Corkins targeted the headquarters of the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C., and on August 15, 2012 he went there with a loaded automatic pistol and fifty rounds of ammunition. He intended to kill every employee he could find and was only stopped after a struggle with the building manager who was grievously wounded.

Why was the Family Research Council placed on its “Hate” list? SPLC, a left-wing organization, did this because FRC is a Christian ministry that supports the Biblical definition of marriage and voices research-based opposition to the harms of homosexual behavior, including same-sex “marriage.” I am in agreement with FRC’s positions, but even if I did not agree with them, tolerance demands we respect the First Amendment rights of others without labeling them.

I appreciate the fine work you are doing. However, I ask you to reconsider your association with the SPLC and its teaching materials. I believe you can find far better role models for tolerance in America than the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Respectfully,

cc: relevant friendly political officials

PS. If you would like to learn more about the SPLC: google “Charlotte Allen” “Weekly Standard” and “SPLC” for a thoughtful analysis of the organization.