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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

“Making it Better” for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) citizens in our community is a movement founded to ensure equal rights and protections under the law are established for all citizens in our community. We are all painfully aware that many in our community are looked down upon, shunned or disregarded because of their sexual orientation. Our city has taken great strides toward equality through laws and social awareness, but there is still much ground to cover. All of us deserve to be treated fairly and given the same opportunities to succeed in life, not systematically stigmatized in our society leaving our potential for greatness drowned in hurtful despair. Our youth should feel safe to learn without fear of harassment, and families and seniors should be able to live their lives with respect, pride and dignity.

As long as equality and equal protections are not given to all of us, then we will all continue to be impacted. We must all work together to ensure the promise of freedom for all us. We must remember that LGBT citizens in our community have made many prominent and substantial contributions to Louisville that continue to make our great city the quilted network that it is.

I’m proud to stand with Louisville’s Fairness Campaign and all who support LGBT citizens. June is national Pride month, so let’s work to “Make it better” for all Louisvillians!

Sincerely,

Councilman David James