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Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis Expresses Deep Concern in Response to a Gay and Lesbian Pornographic Performance at the University of Missouri-St. Louis

The Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis express deep concern for the recent gay and lesbian pornographic performance held at the University of Missouri St. Louis on October 14, 2005. After failed attempts of resolution with University officials, the Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis request that the Missouri Legislature and the University of Missouri Board of Curators intervene with a full-scale and decisive investigation. Further, we urge the Legislature and Board of Curators to take immediate and appropriate disciplinary actions toward those within the University Administration who allowed with full and complete knowledge this public display of exploitative sexual behavior to take place on the University of Missouri-St. Louis' campus.

To allow any type of sexual performance, heterosexual or homosexual, while in the presence of minor children as well as University faculty, staff, police, and Administration officials, is a blatant misuse of Missouri taxpayer dollars and violates every idea of decency and tolerance. Additionally, for the University of Missouri-St. Louis to underwrite the cost of the location, utilities, staff, and insurance liability for such an event is deplorable, especially in the wake of skyrocketing tuition and fees for students in the state of Missouri.

"As an unsuspecting patron, as well as a University of Missouri-St. Louis student, I am extremely disappointed in the judgment and subsequent non-action by University of Missouri-St. Louis officials who were present during an event which can only be described as pornography," said Charles Stadtlander, President and Chairman of the Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis and University of Missouri student. "I have never been so offended, mortified, and angered at anything the University of Missouri has done in my nearly three years of attendance. It is with great regret and humility that I respectfully ask the citizens of Missouri to not judge the entire gay and lesbian community by the misguided actions of a few." The Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis believe that a "no tolerance" response is necessary. "The organization I represent, as well as many taxpayers in the state of Missouri, strongly urge the University of Missouri Board of Curators and the Missouri State Legislature to conduct a full investigation into this incident with an expeditious and comprehensive resolution," concluded Stadtlander.