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Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis:

Response to Gov. Blunt's statements reported in the St. Louis Post Dispatch article "Gays will focus on politics at PrideFest" (Thu 06/16/05 –Pg A1):

With unanimous consent of the Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis Executive Board, and on behalf of our members and supporters, the Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis strongly condemn Gov. Blunt's disappointing statements reported in the St. Louis Post Dispatch article, "Gays will focus on politics at PrideFest" (Thu 06/16/05).

We cannot, in good conscience, let the Governor of our state and the leader of our Party dismiss gay and lesbian Missourians with the excuse that they have chosen a lifestyle objectionable to his personal values. It is dangerously wrong to believe that Missouri's vote defining marriage generated a blank check against gays or to essentially promote it as a direct mandate against addressing their concerns.

Along with many others, we who voted for Gov. Blunt, strongly support and praise his leadership and work towards solving the real problems in Missouri. He and the state legislature have courageously solved the state budget crisis without tax increases, dramatically reformed our education funding for the better, and have aggressively set the state on the right path to revitalize business & job growth.

However, the explicit statements and positions of the Governor go directly to the very heart and soul of who we are as human beings. It clearly exhibits the true lack of knowledge and understanding for people who are gay as well as the definition of equality. These views are not only disappointing, but they are not reflective of mainstream Republicans throughout Missouri.

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(Side comment: Addressing this is one of the key purposes and principles of why our organization exists and requires all of us to fight it directly. However, finding the right time, place, articulation, and methods to do this is the real challenge.)