

SALLY KATZEN

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I was given the
T-shirt, several hand
written cards and
several thousand
post cards (one small
pade enclosed) to
give to POTUS by
2 mothers of 3 children
who suffer from
asthma. (I got another
shirt for POTUS; we ran
into him; and that one
has been delivered.)
this is all in reference

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Yes ✓

don -
How do we
use these. Do
the 2 mothers get
a personal
response from
POTUS for
shirt + their
don't.
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would from history more.
that

to the EPA proposed
ozone and particulate
matter rules.

Can you do what
needs to be done?

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April 28, 1997

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to express my extreme dismay at the under-representation of openly gay men and lesbians in your administration. As the second term of your administration moves forward, I and other members of the gay and lesbian community are unaware of any new appointments of openly lesbian or gay members to your administration, particularly at the level of positions requiring Senate approval.

The importance of the presence of openly gay men or lesbians in your administration to represent the diversity of the American people and to reflect the equal opportunity afforded to all in our society cannot be stressed enough. As an endorser of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), I know that you recognize the importance of providing gay men and lesbians with an equal place at the employment opportunity table in America. However, that message will ring hollow if your administration neglects a fair inclusion of lesbians and gay men among its ranks.

Of course there have been some tremendously important people who have worked in your administration, such as Roberta Achtenberg, Bruce Lehman, and Richard Socarides. However, Roberta Achtenberg left her position in your administration over a year ago. Richard Socarides, who I believe has done an outstanding job as your liaison to the lesbian and gay community, nonetheless occupies a position which, while critically important, does not require the approval of the United States Senate. This leaves Bruce Lehman as the sole remaining member of your administration to occupy such a position. And while Mr. Lehman was confirmed by the Senate early in your first term, he has not since received any kind of promotion or change in position requiring Senate consent. It would be most unfortunate to leave the public with the perception that a glass ceiling exists within your administration for gays and lesbians, preventing them from rising to the level where your choice and their credentials require the public scrutiny of a Senate hearing.

Appreciating the many concerns and factors you take into account in making appointments

within your administration, I nonetheless urge you to carefully consider the importance of this matter. I strongly urge you to act with all due diligence to ensure that the true diversity and potential of America is reflected in your administration, and that lesbians and gay men are represented at all levels of your administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Duane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas K. Duane
Councilmember

cc: Robert Nash
Marsha Scott
Richard Socarides
Members of International Network of Gay and Lesbian Officials