

May 25, 1992

Dear

I write to you today to ask for your support in an exciting program in which I will be taking part:  
**For Love and Justice: A Walk Against Hate.**

This will be a two-week, 150 mile walk from Eugene to Portland, to call attention to the current attack on human rights that is being waged by the Oregon Citizens Alliance against members of OUR community. If you've talked to me at all in the last few months, you know how hard I've been working to defeat the anti-democratic and bigoted measures which the OCA is trying to pass off as "No Special Rights" legislation.

The sad part of the story is that voters are believing the lies the OCA is spreading about lesbians and gays (and anyone who supports them: that means me). On May 19 the voters of Springfield passed into their city charter the most restrictive legislation in the country on any citizen's rights. In Springfield they took away the rights of gays, lesbians, and those perceived to be so: So who's next? And if it can happen in Springfield, which town will be next?

Beginning June 7, the kick-off date for the Walk for Love and Justice, I have the unique opportunity to be part of a core group of 100 participants walking from here to Portland. Our trip will go through the heart of the Willamette Valley, passing through Corvallis, Salem, Oregon City, and arriving in Portland in time for the Lesbian and Gay Pride March on June 20. We will take our message directly to the people of Oregon to ask them to stand with us for justice and against bigotry and intolerance.

I know you support me and care about the same things I do. The OCA represents a "retro-vision" on American life which excludes members of our diverse society. At this time of social and political uncertainty, it is more important than ever that we take a stand for human dignity to insure that these rights remain central during public discourse.

I am asking you to pledge your support to me today to work against this most horrifying attack on human rights. I know you probably receive a million requests from all over the world asking for your financial support, but this time, the battle zone is our own back yard, literally. Please consider contributing \$10-25 to help me raise \$300 in sponsorship for the two weeks I will be walking. This money will go toward the cost of the walk with the proceeds slated for work against homophobia throughout the state. I must collect the money in advance, so I would appreciate your response as soon as possible. **Please make checks payable to LCP-WALK and mail to me at 1588 Patterson, Eugene OR 97401.**

Thank you for your consideration and support. It is important to me. If you are interested in learning about other ways you can stand up for human rights or help with this project, feel free to call me at home: 343-9336, or work: 485-1755. There's a lot to be done in the months before November!

Yours,