

Letter from Mayor Royer to President Ronald Reagan in support of a national equal employment law, March 10, 1980. Folder 45, Box 8, Mayor Charles T. Royer Subject Correspondence, 5274-02. Seattle Municipal Archives.

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to express my support for an Executive Order to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. I also urge the Administration to endorse H.R. 2074, a bill that would extend the 1964 and 1968 Civil Rights Acts to include protection on the basis of sexual orientation.

Seattle has had an equal employment law that extends to sexual orientation for several years. We also have a similar fair housing law. We have found these ordinances to be effective and popular. Two years ago the voters of our city overwhelmingly rejected an attempt to repeal the sexual orientation provisions of our human rights laws.

Prejudice and discrimination against millions of gay people continues in the United States, and sexual minorities or people who are perceived to be sexual minorities have a hard time finding and keeping jobs.

An Executive Order and an endorsement for H.R. 2074 would demonstrate your continuing concern for human rights.

Sincerely,

(SCD) CHARLES ROYER

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