



Washington State Legislature

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Dear Mrs. Swartout,

We are writing to commend you for your leadership and effort in fighting for equality in Indiana. We here in Washington State share the sentiment in your letter to Gov. Mike Pence and very much admire the courage you've shown in standing up against intolerance and bigotry. Washingtonians support your advocacy whole-heartedly.

We are proud of our rich history of not only embracing diversity, but celebrating it. Our state granted women the right to vote a full decade before the 19th Amendment was ratified. Washingtonians voted to grant women control of their own reproductive destiny two years prior to Roe v. Wade. Washington was an early leader in pursuing laws that protect gays and lesbians from discrimination and became the seventh state to embrace marriage equality. Washington continues to fight for equal rights for people of different cultures, beliefs, sexual orientations, abilities and socio-economic backgrounds. That is why we would like to offer a socially conscious organization like Gen Con a home in Washington.

Washington is Nerd-vana. Our state has long been a hub of all things comics, games and other entities loved by people of all walks of life. Conventions such as Dragonflight, PAX, Lock and Load, Paizocon, Emerald City Comicon, and others call Washington home. They are well attended and would immediately welcome Gen Con to the fold.

Gaming companies such as Wizards of the Coast, Virtue Privateer Press, Paizo, Catalyst Game Labs and Wizkids also are located here, as are household names such as Valve, Nintendo, PopCap Games and Microsoft.

Washington has the existing infrastructure, legions of passionate gamers and strong desire to bring Gen Con here. We look forward to continuing this conversation. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further questions.

Thank you again for standing up for equality.

Respectfully,


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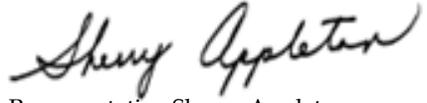
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