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(ADDRESS OF PERSON YOU'RE SENDING THE LETTER TO.)

Good day (NAME OF PERSON YOU'RE SENDING IT TO),

The Triangle Gay-Straight Alliance Network (TGSAN) wishes that you would attend the first ever *Youth and Adults for Change* rally that will be held at the North Carolina State Capitol Building on Saturday, October 22, 2005. Everyone will be meeting in the Crime Victim's Memorial Garden in Raleigh at 12:00 pm, and marching to the capitol from there. The garden is at the corner of Wilmington and Lane.

TGSAN is a youth-led coalition of Gay Straight Alliances (GSAs) in the Triangle area working to bring about social change. We work to educate and train one another to become better leaders so that GSAs will grow to be stronger and achieve the goals that they have set for themselves.

Y.A. for Change will be a rally aimed at bringing the community together under a single cause; this cause being to add sexual orientation and gender identity/expression to state school policies in order to protect every student, faculty, and staff member. There will be speakers ranging from students to national organization members, and music provided by local bands, among other entertainment. We will be passing a copy of a petition through the rally crowd for signatures of students, faculty and staff members, as well as all other concerned community members who all agree with and support the proposed addition to school policies. This petition, along with other state information, will be presented to the State Board of Education and State Superintendent to aid in bringing about this change in state policy.

It would mean so much to all of us at TGSAN to have you attend and support this very important safe schools rally. Students of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities face disproportionate rates of harassment and bullying and do not currently have access to an education free of discrimination and violence. As someone involved with North Carolina's school systems, your attendance is especially important to us. You are in a position to support us in a meaningful way as we endeavor to make schools safer for all of our peers across the state, and we would very much appreciate it if you show your support at the rally, and hear what we have to say. If you have any questions at all, please refer to our website at www.tgsan.org or contact us.

We look forward to seeing you there!

(YOUR SIGNATURE, NAME, POSITION ON BOARD, AND CONTACT INFO)



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