
END GERMCISM - GERM EQUALITY FOR ALL

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Because we live in a country which prides itself on tolerance and diversity for all people, it is critical that we continue this proud tradition and extend this acceptance of fundamental human rights to the downtrodden germ community as well. PULSE has led the way in promoting fairness for living organisms, and we the people need to work together with PULSE to end the cultural stain which is germcism!

With a growing global acceptance of gays and lesbians, it's only fair to extend the same to bacteria and fungus so they, too, can be assured of basic human rights and finally be safe at home, work and in the community like the rest of us.

As a busy mother of five and proud member of WURM (Women opposed to the Unethical Racism against Microorganisms, which is a sister organization to PULSE), I strive to teach my children the fundamental values that all life is sacred and should be protected including the lives of all germs from all over the world. As a family, we are diligent in raising awareness within our community by: (1) going door-to-door speaking with the neighbors; (2) posting flyers throughout town in places such as schools, coffee shop and bus stops; and (3) volunteering at local food banks, shelters, nursing homes and daycares. So far, our message of hope of achieving human rights for all germs has not been received well because the ugly face of germcism persists in our world, but that only makes us want to fight harder. I guess people are still a bit uneasy when they see kids with dirty hands and faces, but we remain steadfast in not judging them for their ignorance for they know not what they do. After all, you have to eat a whole pound of dirt before it can harm you!

Now more than ever, it is critical to take a stand for the rights of all germs by getting the word out about their plight so people can be well-informed and embrace the germ community once and for all. Parents all across America: Do your part by encouraging your children's public schools to follow the shining examples of schools in Berkeley, California. Proud beyond words, Berkeley's schools were the first in US history to impose a full ban on soap in public school bathrooms. If only all of us could be so bold!

In the upcoming years, I hope that PULSE will become an imposing force in the long and arduous struggle for human rights for germs as it unashamedly walks hand-in-hand with germs from all walks of life as they march towards the prize of fundamental fairness and equality for all germs, because every germ counts!

Be a part of history and join this great cause today!