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Mayor Wes Uhlman
600 4th Ave.
Seattle, WA 98104

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Dear Sir:

This letter was prompted by your recent decision to lift up homosexuality to a position of respectability. This action may be perfectly acceptable in today's "do your own thing" society but my morals have a firmer base. I was told that you do not feel it is the government's place to judge the morals of society. I cannot understand how this statement and the "Gay Pride Day" proclamation can come from the same man.

I do not judge or hate homosexuals but neither do I condone or applaud homosexuality. If a person is homosexual or bisexual that is their problem and I believe everything that can be done to help them is in order, but telling them that everything is all right and that they should be proud of their affliction is not going to help them in the least.

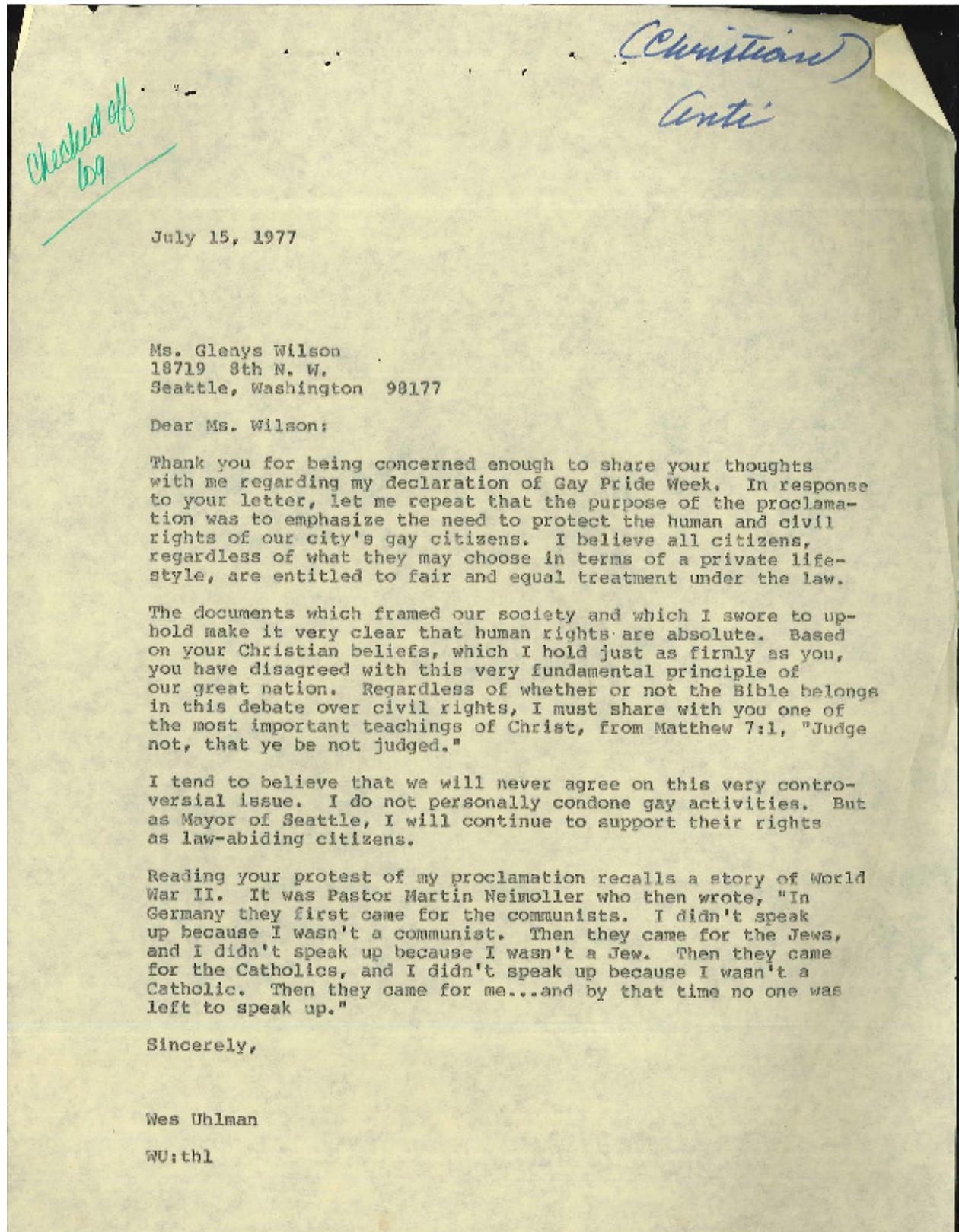
Do you realize the far reaching effects of a day to honor or pay tribute to sin? I cannot help but feel that you are planting corrupt seeds in the minds of children and that these seeds will only help lead us headlong into tribulation.

May God Bless you and Guide you.

Sincerely,

Glenn Wilson
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July 15, 1977

Ms. Glenys Wilson
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Dear Ms. Wilson:

Thank you for being concerned enough to share your thoughts with me regarding my declaration of Gay Pride Week. In response to your letter, let me repeat that the purpose of the proclamation was to emphasize the need to protect the human and civil rights of our city's gay citizens. I believe all citizens, regardless of what they may choose in terms of a private lifestyle, are entitled to fair and equal treatment under the law.

The documents which framed our society and which I swore to uphold make it very clear that human rights are absolute. Based on your Christian beliefs, which I hold just as firmly as you, you have disagreed with this very fundamental principle of our great nation. Regardless of whether or not the Bible belongs in this debate over civil rights, I must share with you one of the most important teachings of Christ, from Matthew 7:1, "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

I tend to believe that we will never agree on this very controversial issue. I do not personally condone gay activities. But as Mayor of Seattle, I will continue to support their rights as law-abiding citizens.

Reading your protest of my proclamation recalls a story of World War II. It was Pastor Martin Niemoller who then wrote, "In Germany they first came for the communists. I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Catholic. Then they came for me...and by that time no one was left to speak up."

Sincerely,

Wes Uhlman

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