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Harris County officials,

This is a follow-up to our letter to you dated 11/25/2015, advising you that your "politically incorrect" sign is unconstitutional. From the information available to us since that date, it seems that the situation has only gotten worse. Rather than address the concerns raised, it appears that the sheriff has instead used the situation as an opportunity to grandstand and call attention to his defiance of the law. In fact, we've learned that t-shirts with the sign's language are now being made available for sale on the county's website. (Available at http://harriscountysheriff.org/pc/).

The purpose of this email is to advise you that the sign remains unconstitutional and must be removed immediately, and that the county's actions in endorsing and selling these discriminatory t-shirts is equally unconstitutional and must cease immediately.

We understand that these antics may gain the sheriff some popularity locally, but we are disappointed that he is essentially inviting a lawsuit that is certain to cost the taxpayers of your county substantially. Everyone involved, including the sheriff, seems to understand that the situation can be easily remedied by moving the sign in question to private property. Nevertheless, rather than do so, the sheriff instead is using the situation to gain himself attention.

It will be with deep regret that we file suit in this matter, but we are prepared to do so. We do this not because we are "politically correct," but because there are many Harris County citizens who object to the divisive, exclusive, and politically charged message that the sheriff is sending. You should understand that the AHA would eagerly support the sheriff's right to be "politically incorrect" with a sign on his own front yard -- political correctness has nothing to do with our objection -- but the sheriff is not being "politically incorrect" by doing what he is doing here. He is simply being a defiant, intolerant public official.

This is our last notice before filing suit. Please contact us immediately if there is any interest in resolving the matter short of litigation.

Sincerely,

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