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Dear Friends,

For 50 years, the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights has stood as a tireless partner for every Kentuckian seeking to advance the principles of fairness, equality, and justice in our Commonwealth. Driven by the powerful principles embedded in its landmark mandate, the Commission's remarkable work has significantly impacted the development of our state.

Kentucky was the first state south of the Mason-Dixon to establish a human rights commission, and the legacy of that pioneering decision can be seen in so many of the strides we have made in communities across the Commonwealth to secure equality for all of our citizens. After all, Kentucky was also the first southern state to pass a civil rights law and the first state in the nation to enact a fair housing law.

I am honored to be an ally of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights and am proud that our Commonwealth has such a forward-thinking advocate fighting for justice. As the commission begins another chapter of its storied history, I congratulate each of you for being a part of fifty years of service -- and wish you the best of luck in all your endeavors on behalf of all Kentuckians.

With Admiration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Yarmuth".

John Yarmuth
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