

Vandals won't make us go away

To the Editor:

As a member of PFLAG Nashville, I direct this to persons who, under the cover of darkness, defaced our newly erected billboard on I-40 near downtown — the message is “Someone you know and love is gay PFLAG 615-366-0888.”

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People who are full of hate and ignorance have always thought, “We will obliterate your message, thereby obliterating you.” I have news for you, we are here to stay!

We support our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, friends and the extended families, and we will always speak out against discrimination, not only directed against the gay community but anywhere we find out.

Here and now we have families who are being torn apart by condemnation and hostility even from some church communities. Young people should not grow up thinking the church and those they love and depend on are their worst enemies, but this happens in many instances. I see that as a sin against families and family values.

Those in the gay and lesbian community, along with their families, are citizens of this community and are entitled to live in peace and security.

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