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The Honorable Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to Romania

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Via electronic and facsimile transmission

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Re.: Note of Protest Regarding the Bulgarian Embassy's Support for Romania's 2012
Gayfest Event

Dear Ambassador of Bulgaria to Romania:

Greetings from the Alliance of Romania's Families! We are a profamily and prolife civic organization and represent the moral positions and values espoused by hundreds of thousands of Romania's families.

Last month you joined with 17 other foreign ambassadors accredited to Bucharest in a Joint Declaration in support of Romania's 2012 Gayfest event. We write to express our deep disappointment and disapproval of your action. We deem your signing of the Declaration an affront to Romania and its citizens, an inexcusable interference in their domestic matters, and an infringement upon their popular and national sovereignty.

Until recently, homosexuality was virtually unknown in Romania and its culture and almost entirely alien to its vocabulary. It always has been and continues to be viewed as an immoral lifestyle by the overwhelming majority of Romanians, both in Romania and abroad. Polls taken in Romania on this subject in recent years showed that 91% of Romanians reject homosexuality and disapprove of it on moral grounds. Please, therefore, respect our feelings on this highly controversial subject and desist from taking judgmental positions with respect to matters that are of our exclusive competence.

Romanians do not take positions on moral issues confronting Bulgarian society and reasonably expect the Bulgarian Ambassador to Romania to reciprocate. We believe it is inappropriate for the Bulgarian Ambassador to lecture Romania on the subject of homosexuality or on any aspects of its culture for that matter. The signing of the Declaration reflects cultural hegemony by the Bulgarian Embassy for which there should be no place in the relations among nations.

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The role of an embassy is to link nations at the official governmental level, not to circumvent basic rules of diplomacy and take positions on the moral issues of the host country. We believe, therefore, that the Bulgarian Embassy erred and respectfully request a letter of apology or retraction. We hope to receive it no later than Monday, July 23, 2012, and to resolve this incident in private and in confidence.

We close by affirming that we respect your position and office. We respect the people of Bulgaria and feel much affinity with them based on our shared history and Christian values and principles. We also appreciate the great contribution they have made throughout the centuries in promoting culture and hope around the world.

At the same time, however, we must also ask, respectfully, that in the future, you, subsequent ambassadors, and the Bulgarian Embassy in Bucharest refrain from supporting or abetting homosexuality in Romania. Please limit your and the role of your Embassy to what is proper and acceptable under the international rules of diplomacy.

Very truly yours,

BY: 

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