

Dear Friends,

As you may or may not know this year's Dyke March Committee has chosen to invite Bitch (of Bitch and Animal fame) to perform at this year's Dyke

March. For those of you who do not know Bitch is publicly and actively supportive of the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival's policy of excluding transwomen. Bitch has also publicly said hurtful and transphobic things about transwomen.

Our friends on the Dyke March Committee tell us that folks were unaware of Bitch's history and that inviting Bitch was in violation of their long standing policy of not inviting people to play at Dyke March that also play the Michigan Womyn's Festival.

We am writing to you now to ask you to send an email letter to the Dyke March Committee encouraging them to cancel Bitch's performance unless Bitch comes out against Michigan Womyn's Music Festival's policy of exclusion of transwomen and/or agrees not to play the Festival until the policy is changed.

We are personally not interested in protesting the Dyke March, in fact we love the Dyke March! And the letters we are asking you all to send are not a protest. We think it will be easier for the Dyke March committee to cancel Bitch's performance if there are calls for it from the queer/lesbian/dyke/bi community in support of that action. We have a goal of getting 50 letters to them by tomorrow morning calling to cancel Bitch's performance. If all of you send an email and get one other person to send one too we will have over 50!!

We have posted a sample letter below. Please feel free to use it or write your own. For more information on Bitch and Dyke March check out Queertoday.com and read "Bitch at the Boston Dyke March—Transphobia Continues!"

thanks for reading and happy pride!

p.s. please feel free to email with thoughts and comments you can send emails to the Dyke March Committee at dykemarch@gmail.com

Dear Dyke March Committee,

I would like to start off by thanking you for all the hard work the committee puts in every year to create an amazing event that is so

important to the queer/dyke/lesbian/bisexual women's community. I believe this event is invaluable as a space that is political and one that celebrates queer women.

It is because I love the dyke march so much that I write to you now. I learned early this week that Bitch (of Bitch and Animal fame) has been asked to perform at the Dyke March. I understand the fact that many folks on the Dyke March Committee were unaware of Bitch's active support of the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival's policy of excluding transwomen. I also understand that the Dyke March Committee was unfamiliar with the transphobic and misogynistic things that Bitch has said publicly against transwomen which have now been brought to your attention.

I know that the committee has publicly stated that they are committed to trans-inclusiveness, which I am assuming means the inclusion of transwomen at the Dyke March, and so that is why I am writing you now asking for you to CANCEL Bitch's performance unless she agrees to 1. stop supporting the non-trans women only policy at Michigan Womyn's Music Festival and 2. publicly apologize for her past statements against transwomen.

I know that a cancellation at the 11th hour may seem like a drastic thing to do but now that the Dyke March Committee knows of Bitch's publicly transphobic words, and her very public support of the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival's policy it is the only thing that can make up for the invite in the first place. There isn't any place in Queer/Dyke/Lesbian/Bi Women's community for transphobia and misogyny and the message that the Dyke March committee sends by not taking a stand is one of complacency in the face of oppression.

The Dyke March has a history of being a political space, of being an alternative to the Pride Parade, and of striving to be inclusive of all women. I know that many of you on the committee are committed to inclusion and support of transwomen. I think that canceling the performance would be in line with the history of the Dyke March and would be huge step in fighting transphobia in queer women's community,

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