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Hello,
I'm emailing to join the rest of my community in expressing frustration over the cancellation of Boro Pride Fest for being "explicitly sexual."

Friends of mine have played music at the festival for years, and it's a great way for the LGBTQ community of Murfreesboro and the greater Nashville area to connect and celebrate.

There is nothing explicitly sexual about this festival. Queer people are not explicitly sexual, any more than straight cis people are. This decision will only hurt young LGBTQ people who now have one less place to feel safe and able to be themselves. Queer adults are not a danger to children, despite the rhetoric being spread about us. We just want queer kids to be safe and be able to be themselves. I hope whoever made this decision will reconsider.

Thank you for reading,

-Bradley Owens