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Golden Valley Pride Festival
Brookview Park, 200 Brookview Pkwy N
Golden Valley, MN 55426

Dear Friends:

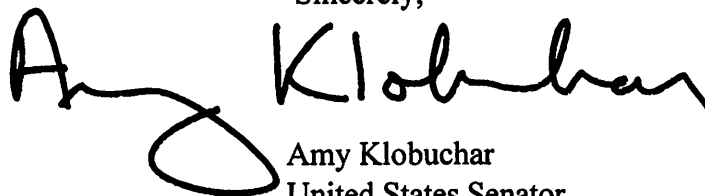
Thank you for the kind invitation to join you today for the Golden Valley Pride Festival! I am honored to recognize all of the amazing volunteers and supporters for another successful Pride festival. Pride is an important part our community, and I know that today's festivities will be exciting and fun for all.

The Golden Valley Pride Festival does important work highlighting LGBTQ families, their friends, and allies in the spirit of promoting greater understanding of Golden Valley's rich and growing diversity. In recent years, we have seen real progress for the LGBTQ community in Minnesota. Marriage equality is the law of the land and here in Minnesota we now have some of the strongest anti-bullying laws in the nation.

Despite our progress, we all know our work is far from complete. And we all know that our progress must be protected. That is why I organized a meeting for other senators in Washington last summer that focused on LGBTQ issues, bringing together leaders in the community to discuss our accomplishments, challenges, and next steps. I'm also proud to be an original cosponsor of the Equality Act in the Senate which would establish explicit, permanent protections against discrimination based on an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity, and I'm going to keep fighting for this until we get it done. We're on the right side of history here.

Thank you again to everyone who helps make the Golden Valley Pride Festival possible. I wish you all the best moving forward. I am proud to serve you in the United States Senate, and I look forward to hearing about your work in years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Klobuchar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the "A".

Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator