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The Gay Student Union of the University of Virginia unanimously supports Robert Elkins as a Resident Advisor and as President of the Gay Student Union.

The purpose of the Gay Student Union is to promote an understanding of gay people; it is not to convert anyone to homosexuality. There is no conflict between our purpose and Mr. Elkins position as a resident advisor.

The proper issue is that of Mr. Elkins' competence as a resident advisor. Since his competence is not in question under the continuous Resident Staff evaluation procedures, the Ad Hoc Committee to study his position as a resident advisor should not have been formed.

The creation of this committee undermines the Universities established decision-making processes. The committee should restore faith in the Universities institutions by allowing decisions regarding Elkins' competence made by the Resident Staff and by the Office of Student Affairs, to stand.

Robert Elkins has, as does any other resident advisor and any other student, the right to associate with any recognized student organization. We reaffirm our support for him as a resident advisor and as President of the Gay Student Union.

Signed,

The Gay Student Union