Gay Marriage Advocacy Group Targets 6th District Congressional Candidate Phil Berger, Jr.

RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - Equality NC, a leading advocacy group for gay marriage, has issued a fundraising e-mail that targets Phil Berger, Jr., who is seeking the Republican nomination for the 6th District seat in Congress.

The e-mail reads as follows: "Friend of Equality -- See this? Last night, a Greensboro, NC, 6th grader said 6th Congressional District candidate Phil Berger, Jr. compared marriage equality to "a man marrying a dog."

The Greensboro News & Record covered last night's candidate forum, summarizing the incident:

"Lana Torres, a sixth-grader, began by saying she supports gay marriage and asked Rockingham County District Attorney Phil Berger Jr. what he would do to work for equality in marriage laws. 'Two years ago, the voters of North Carolina overwhelming approved Amendment One, which only recognized traditional marriage, and I was a leader in that effort,' Berger said. 'I was the spokesperson for traditional marriage in North Carolina, and I am very much in favor of traditional marriage.' Torres reiterated her support for gay marriage to Berger after the forum, and later said she was disturbed by his response. "He talked about a man marrying a dog," Torres said. "I found that really offensive, that he would compare gay marriage to something so offensive and outrageous.'"

We do too, Lana.

Let's send a message to Mr. Berger that we won't be bullied -- chip in \$6 to help Equality NC elect pro-equality candidates.

Because it's time we all joined our brave young people in taking a strong stand for Equality.

For Equality,

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