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Dr. Lowell Rose, Executive Secretary  
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Dear Dr. Rose:

I feel it necessary to sever my long association with Phi Delta Kappa. It is a professional organization that I have been very proud to be a member of, until the delegate vote regarding admission of women to membership. The vote represents a decision that I cannot understand on any rational basis, particularly in a "leadership in education" organization. I shall not trouble you with all the valid reasons, that have been recounted by others, why it makes good sense to include all persons who meet Phi Delta Kappa's professional standards.

This is an issue of special and personal importance to me because I have a 23 year old daughter who is a straight A student and doctoral candidate. That this kind of youthful, brilliant educational commitment should be accorded anything other than first-class membership status in an organization (dedicated to excellence) of which I am a member, both angers and saddens me.

I think the fraternity has made a horrendous error, and will be hopeful that it will soon be recognized and corrected.

Sincerely,



William K. Flynn  
Supervisor

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