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Mr. Dan Cathy & Family
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Re: Invitation To Open A Chick-Fil-A Restaurant in Brooklyn, NY!

Mr. Cathy:

Greetings from Brooklyn, NY! My name is Russell Gallo and I am the Republican and Conservative candidate for State Assembly in the 45th District here in southern Brooklyn. I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

I am writing you today because I am outraged that local Democrat politicians like City Council Speaker Christine Quinn want to prevent any possible expansion of the business you and your family worked so hard to build into New York City all because you don't agree with her world view.

You and your family obviously worked hard to create a very successful business – and you did so without ever breaking any laws regarding discrimination. That should be celebrated, not denigrated. For a sitting government official to even think they could “close” any area because they don't agree with a business owner on a given issue is an abuse of power and an affront to American values of free speech and free enterprise.

I want you to know that Ms. Quinn does not speak for all New Yorkers. I and many of my neighbors agree with your views on traditional family units. But more importantly, I'm sure we all could agree that no one in government should tell anyone what to believe, who to support and how to spend our money.

With this in mind, I would like to invite your company to consider opening a Chick-Fil-A restaurant in southern Brooklyn. We would definitely welcome your business and the jobs and revenue it would create with open arms.

I look forward to any response you might have – and to enjoying a Chick-Fil-A Sandwich in Brooklyn sometime in the near future!

Sincerest Regards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R Gallo", written over a horizontal line.

RUSSELL C. GALLO