

McBath Statement for the Record:

“Thank you to each of you for being here to share your perspective. I am particularly pleased to hear from Reverend Wiley. I think some people misunderstand what LGBTQ equality means for many people of faith. While there are disagreements across Christianity on many issues, there is agreement when it comes to how we are called to treat our neighbor: we are called to love our neighbor as we would love ourselves.

This message has no exceptions. We must love our neighbors whether they look like us or not, whether they pray like us or not, and whether they love like us or not.

In spite of our differences in a country that encompasses many beliefs, we have common ground in a desire to be treated with dignity—and our neighbors deserve that same dignity, no matter who they are.”