



PRESIDENT STEPHEN LUKE
THE BRAN HOUSE, BRAN DISTRICT

January 10, 2022

HIM Christina of Cycoldia,

This letter is regarding the incident that took place three days ago, in the debate chat on the Dracul Discord server. While I am not amused that this debate took place at all, the rights of our citizens and officials to hold their personal views will not be infringed upon by this government. Dracul aims to welcome everyone of all lifestyles, which may include individuals who may not agree with your personal views, lifestyle, or choices in life. Debates are ways of understanding opposing viewpoints and are necessary from time to time.

Not everyone is going to agree with the things we stand for, or even our lifestyles in this world. A disagreement on the things we believe to be true does not constitute an attack on us, but either a misunderstanding or a lack of knowledge on such lifestyles. People hold religion true to their hearts and do not agree with the changes in society. Disagreement should not be confused with actual hatred, such as individuals shooting up gay night clubs or calling transgenders mentally ill. I have spoken with those in question about this debate and Frederick, Amalfitano, and Cooper when asked both stated that they have nothing against you as a trans person; on the contrary they believe they have shown you the utmost respect by calling you by your “she/her” pronouns, even though they hold an opposing view. This was not an issue before, until this debate was started, which you voluntarily launched. This world will never be rid of *true transphobia or homophobia* because people hold hatred in their hearts and refuse to change. We must prepare ourselves for living in that type of world and do the best we can to avoid it from personally affecting us, no matter how difficult. Your friends are there by your side, including me, to stand up against real attacks against you and those of similar nature.

Unfortunately, due to the statement you released regarding the individuals, and because this is not the first time you have attacked a Draculian (i.e., Bruce Cooper regarding Eugene Smith and the news article last year), we feel at this time a mutual recognition and treaty of friendship between Dracul and Cycoldia is not feasible. Dracul allies should always maintain respect towards our government, while respectfully disagreeing in private. I personally will not be accused of ‘silently endorsing’ someone else’s beliefs, just because I do not wish to comment on the debate, especially after I’ve made it abundantly clear in the past that transgender people do not offend or bother me. I wish Cycoldia the best in 2022 and hope your nation finds success in other areas of importance.

With Respect,

Stephen Luke
President