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Abstract: Seven picket signs from the earliest public demonstrations in the United States advocating for gay and lesbian rights, organized by Frank Kameny and Barbara Gittings, among others. The original protests and subsequent "Annual Reminder" demonstrations were held in Washington, D.C., New York City, and Philadelphia from 1965-1969, and were attended by east coast members of the Mattachine Society, Janus Society, and Daughters of Bilitis.

Arrangement
The items are arranged alphabetically.

Biographical / Historical
In 1965, a group of gay and lesbian activists, including Frank Kameny, Barbara Gittings, and Craig Rodwell, organized a series of public demonstrations in Washington, D.C., which were some of the earliest public demonstrations in the United States advocating for gay and lesbian rights. The demonstrations culminated with a group of approximately 70 activists picketing in front of the White House in April of that year. The demonstrations were organized, in part, to protest employment discrimination regarding gay and lesbian federal workers. Subsequently, between 1966 and 1969, similar demonstrations known as the "Annual Reminder" were held every year on July 4 in front of Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

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Scope and Contents
This collection comprises seven picket signs from some of the earliest public demonstrations advocating gay and lesbian rights, circa 1965-1969, organized by Frank Kameny and Barbara Gittings, among others. The demonstrations were organized, in part, to protest discriminatory employment practices regarding gay and lesbian federal workers. The picket signs in this collection highlight employment discrimination and the United States Department of State.

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