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Mr. Mitchell Blaustein, *Chairman*
Sharon School Committee
Administration Building
1 School Street
Sharon, Massachusetts 02067

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Catholic priests and nuns consecrate their lives to God and to the service of others under a vow of chastity. The recent portrayal of pregnant nuns and an impregnating priest at Sharon High School was an astonishingly crude insult to the Catholic religion, which suggests a callous contempt for the beliefs and the sensibilities of Roman Catholics.

It defies comprehension how members of the faculty of that school, supposedly responsible adults, could actually reward such a vile and vulgar expression of anti-Catholicism, thus conveying the message of institutional support for anti-Catholic prejudice at Sharon High School. Assertions that teachers and others did not understand the seriousness of this matter are unpersuasive. Any reasonable person ought to have promptly concluded that this sacrilegious mockery was intended to demean Catholic clergy and religious, and to shock and offend Catholics.

The Catholic Action League of Massachusetts urges the Sharon School Committee to take immediate and appropriate disciplinary measures against those faculty members who were so manifestly derelict in the exercise of their responsibilities. This is an opportunity for the Sharon School Committee to demonstrate the leadership that was so sadly absent at Sharon High School on Halloween.

Sincerely,

C. Joseph Doyle
Executive Director

cc: Members of the Sharon School Committee



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Dear Senator:

The Catholic Action League of Massachusetts urges you to oppose House Bill No. 528, AN ACT AUTHORIZING GROUP INSURANCE BENEFITS IN THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE, and House Bill No. 4225, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE TO DOMESTIC PARTNERS OF CITY EMPLOYEES.

The state has a legitimate, just, and longstanding interest in the protection and the preservation of the natural family, which is the model and basis of all civil society. These bills would permit the extension of government supported spousal benefits to the unmarried domestic partners of municipal employees in Brookline and Cambridge. If enacted into law, these measures would undermine the traditional family by creating an inappropriate and unwarranted equality, in eligibility for public benefits, between the institution of marriage on one hand, and homosexual unions and irregular heterosexual unions on the other.

Taxpayers, unfairly and in violation of their sincerely held religious beliefs, would be forced, against their consciences, to subsidize behavior which many find morally objectionable. As the proponents well know, these proposals represent an incremental step towards the legalization of same gender marriage.

Given the ease of registration, the complete absence of liability between partners, and the provisions which effectively allow the immediate, unilateral and unconditional termination of the partnership, these proposed programs would encourage family instability, offer unprecedented opportunities for fraud and abuse, and invite larceny against the public treasury.

Studies show that rates of domestic violence are higher among unmarried couples than among married couples, and higher still among cohabiting homosexuals. At a time when society is focusing increased attention on this serious social problem, it is astonishing that government would give sanction to such a problematic arrangement as a domestic partnership.

These proposals constitute flagrant, single constituency, special interest politics. When government at all levels is trying to find a solution to the problem of uninsured citizens, we ought not to allow an aggressive, affluent, and well organized interest group to use its political muscle to elbow its way to the front of the line.

Sincerely,

C. J. Doyle
Executive Director