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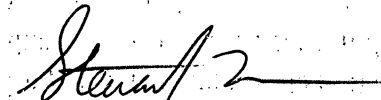
Dear Margaret Drury:

This letter is in support of the courageous decision on the part of the Cambridge Office of the City Clerk and the Cambridge City Council to begin issuing marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples effective immediately.

In April 2002, we obtained a marriage license through the Cambridge Office of the City Clerk. Although my wife and I live in Allston and were married in Concord, we chose to file our marriage license in Cambridge. At the time, we made the decision simply as a whimsical choice based on nothing more than the fact that we think Cambridge City Hall is a more attractive building than its Boston and Concord equivalents. Now, we feel an immense personal pride at the idea that our marriage license is on file in the same office that will soon be the first in the state to step up and face down the hypocrites who have vowed to continue denying basic civil rights to people based solely on their sexual orientation.

Marriage is a social and legal contract that conveys rights and privileges to the couple involved. Denying any person his or her due rights on the basis of sexual orientation is as morally bankrupt, philosophically foul and downright un-American as denying those rights on the basis of race or gender. Those who wish to deny these rights, though they try to wrap themselves in a cloak of pious morality, are no better than those who fought to keep racial segregation alive a generation ago. They are the immoral ones. They are the anti-American ones. We who truly believe in the Constitution of the United States of America, and in the idea that all men and women are created equal, support your decision to the fullest.

Thank you,


Stewart Mason


Charity Stafford

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Communication #3

A communication was received from Stewart Mason and Charity Stafford, regarding issuing marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples effective immediately.

In City Council December 8, 2003

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