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Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
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To the Members of the Cambridge City Council:

I would like to express my thanks to the entire City Council for your resolution regarding MIT's reinsurance policy for students who lose their ROTC scholarships due to their sexual orientation. This policy is an important step for MIT as we work to resolve the discrepancy between the federal "don't ask, don't tell" law governing the participation of homosexuals in the military and MIT's nondiscrimination policy.

Two principles are at stake for MIT regarding this issue. First is the vital importance of national service and the Institute's long-standing record of participation in ROTC. The second is MIT's absolute commitment to providing a community free of discrimination with equal access for all.

MIT will continue to work to resolve the issues surrounding the remaining discriminatory aspects of federal law as it pertains to ROTC. I appreciate your support of the measures MIT has taken thus far to address this challenging dilemma.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles M. Vest".

Charles M. Vest

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Communication was received from Charles M. Vest, Office of the President, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, expressing his thanks for the resolution regarding MIT's reinsurance policy for students who lose their ROTC scholarships due to their sexual orientation.

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