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Rabbi Norman R. Lamm
The Jewish Center
131 West 86th Street
New York, New York

Dear Rabbi Lamm:

Representatives of the Synagogue Council of America who are serving on an interfaith commission on marriage and family have come up with a proposed statement on sex education, containing guidelines for groups responsible for the development of school and community programs in sex education. Enclosed is a copy of the proposed statement.

We would be most grateful if you were to let us have the benefit of your thoughts regarding this statement. A particularly difficult problem is the extent to which religious values, "common" or otherwise, are to be injected into the suggested programs. What are the criteria by which we are to judge a proper and an improper intrusion of religious teachings into the public school curriculum?

Your advice regarding this question, as well as other aspects of the statement, will be of great value to our Executive Committee determining policy on this issue.

With many thanks and warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Henry Siegman
Executive Vice President

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