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## Letter of Support from All Souls Congregational Church

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*All Souls Congregational Church*

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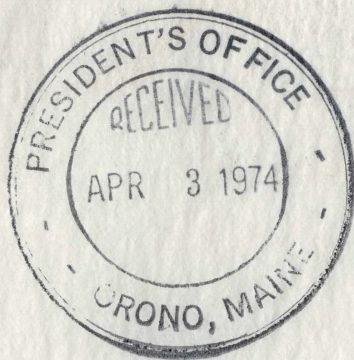
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April 1, 1974

Dr. Lawrence M. Cutler, Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
University of Maine

Dear Dr. Cutler:

The Board of Deacons of All Souls Congregational Church, and the minister of the church, wish to express our thoughts on the issue pertaining to the Wilde-Stein Club's use of University facilities. At our meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 1974, our Board voted unanimously to support the action of the University of Maine Board of Trustees, by which that Board reaffirmed the policy of Free Speech and Assembly.

Furthermore, the Board of Deacons of All Souls Church, Bangor, and the minister, do not and will not support any position taken by any other group or individual that would abridge the right of Free Speech on the University campus. While we endorse the policy of Free Speech and Assembly, we do not necessarily sanction the beliefs and views of the Wilde-Stein Club, only the right of its members to express their views, and to meet without fear of harassment. We recognize that there are differing views in respect to the origin and nature of homosexuality itself.

Responsible and reasonable behavior by all concerned citizens, Boards, Administrations, Church groups, and the Wilde Stein Club itself, is what is needed now, not inflammatory and provocative rhetoric and emotional reaction. It is our prayerful hope that such an attitude of heart will prevail, and that mutual respect for all persons will be forthcoming.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Dudley Utterback*

J. Dudley Utterback, Chairman  
Board of Deacons  
All Souls Congregational Church

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The deacons present (8) were unanimous in this.

Best wishes,  
*Dick Ryder*