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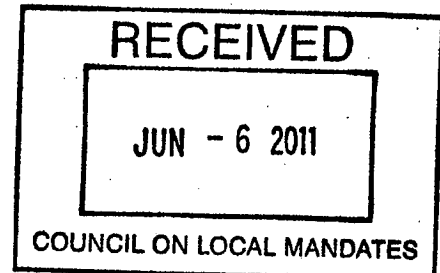
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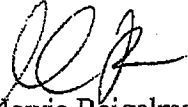
Dear Mr. Slaughter:


The Orthodox Union writes to request permission to appear as amicus curiae in re: Springfield Township Board of Education. The Orthodox Union is the nation's largest Orthodox Jewish umbrella group and represents over fifty member congregations across New Jersey, including a member synagogue in Springfield itself.

As this matter affects both our local community and as an adverse decision would affect thousands of member families, dozens of congregations and scores of schools statewide, we request the opportunity to state their case.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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