

April 21, 2010 - Catholic Citizenship Restates Opposition to Bathroom Bill

Compromises Safety and Privacy for Women, Children and Students

Woburn, MA - Catholic Citizenship, which has worked to defeat the Bathroom Bill, today restated its opposition to this legislation citing its vague language to protect citizens and its provision to allow men to access women's bathrooms and locker rooms, even in schools.

"Similar legislation enacted in Maine has turned school locker rooms and bathrooms into battlegrounds, making every student less safe and comfortable," said Patricia Doherty, Esq. executive director, Catholic Citizenship.

Two of the three gubernatorial candidates, Charlie Baker and Tim Cahill, have stated their opposition to this legislation. Governor Patrick supports the measure. Catholic Citizenship, through its sizable grassroots network, has lobbied the legislature to vote against this bill.

"Central to Catholic Citizenship's mission is protecting the family and the most vulnerable among us," said Ms. Doherty. "We simply cannot sacrifice our children's safety at school or in public accommodations, which is exactly what this legislation has done in Maine and will do in Massachusetts."

The bill is presently under consideration by the Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

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