



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

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Renu Khator, Ph.D.
University of Houston
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4800 Calhoun Road
Houston, Texas 77004

Dear Dr. Khator:

I write you at the behest of Ms. Brittany Keele who is a member of the University of Houston Students Against Sweatshops (UHSAS). As you may know, this group is avidly lobbying against university apparel made in “sweatshops.” Although “sweatshop” is a generic term, in recent discourse it has taken on the connotation of exploitation of the human person for economic or materialistic advantages.

As the Catholic Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, I believe it is important that we encourage students during their “formative years” to become informed and involved in issues confronting our campuses, cities and the broader world community. To the extent that this letter is able to assist, I commend you on your efforts to promote social justice and respect of the human person.

Sincerely yours,

+ Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

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Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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cc: Ms. Brittany Keele