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DECEMBER 12, 1963

DEAR MEMBER OF CITIZENS UNITED:

YOU ARE URGED TO ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING OF ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS AT HILLEL HOUSE, 80 BROWN STREET (AT THE CORNER OF ANGELL STREET), ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, AT 8:00 P.M.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE BILL WHICH WE PROPOSE TO HAVE INTRODUCED INTO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN EARLY JANUARY. SHOULD WE AMEND THE BILL WE SUPPORTED LAST YEAR? IF SO, IN WHAT DETAILS?

THE SENATE IS EXPECTED TO DEVOTE ITSELF ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE 1964 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EULOGIZING THE LATE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S COMMITMENT TO CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY RECEPTIVE TO FAIR HOUSING LEGISLATION ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS. WE HOPE TO INTRODUCE OUR BILL ON THE SECOND OR THIRD DAY OF THE 1964 SESSION.

HENCE THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 19. YOUR PRESENCE, YOUR PARTICIPATION, YOUR ADVICE AND YOUR INSTRUCTIONS ARE NEEDED AT THIS MEETING. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

THE PROSPECTS FOR THE PASSAGE OF COMPREHENSIVE OPEN HOUSING LEGISLATION DURING THE COMING SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPEAR THE BRIGHTEST IN RECENT YEARS. LET US RE-NEW OUR EFFORTS AND COORDINATE OUR ACTIVITIES SO THAT SUCH PROSPECTS SHALL SOON BE REALIZED.

CORDIALLY YOURS,



VERY REV. MSGR. ARTHUR T. GEOGHEGAN
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CITIZENS UNITED FOR A FAIR HOUSING LAW