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Dennis R. Prefontaine
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Knox Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America
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To Mr. Prefontaine and the members of the Knox Trail Council:

Earlier this summer, Boy Scout Troop 500 of Amherst, MA, along with other troops and packs across the country, openly expressed their disappointment with the BSA's July 17th reaffirmation of their discriminatory policy prohibiting gay parents, guardians and youth.

We, the parents of Cub Scout Pack 12 in Framingham, MA, would like to join our peers in expressing our disappointment with this policy. We affirm to all members of our community that we find the BSA's actions to be a direct contradiction of the Scout Oath and Law:

"On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. A Scout is: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent."

Our cub scout pack has been an important and powerful force in our community, and in the lives of the children, parents, and guardians who have been involved. Pack 12 has taught us that being a scout means being inclusive, supportive, and standing up for what you believe in.

We do not and never will discriminate on the basis of race, religion or sexual orientation. Pack 12 invites the participation of all interested 6- to 11-year-old boys and their parents or guardians without regard to sexual orientation.

We urge the Knox Trail Council to adopt a similar stance on behalf of all the Metrowest area districts.

Signed,

The Parents of Pack 12
Framingham, MA