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WILLIAM R. DANZIGER.

Dear Mr. Lemming:

I am writing you first to express my outrage at the appalling remarks made by Shane Mungitt and to commend you on the grace you've shown through this whole difficult time, beginning with the brave and unprecedented revelation of your sexual preference. You are, indeed, a sterling young man, and an example to all.

Mr. Lemming, I have an eight-year-old son. I would be proud if you were my *son's* chemistry teacher or math teacher or even - especially gym teacher.

If you were his religious instructor, I am sure you would imbue him with a truer sense of Christian charity than any of the questionable. types holding forth in the Sunday school he now attends.

Were my son your age and gay - an option, being gay, that is - that he already knows is open to him since all we ask is that he follow the truth of his heart -he could do no better than find a man like you for his lover.

It would be a kick having you as a friend. And I would have no trouble sharing a communal shower with you after a round of tennis at whatever club.

But do you have to play BASEBALL? Don't you know what baseball *means to me?*

I wish you well in all other things, but this hurts my feelings.

Cordially,

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