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BANK OF AMERICA

Kenneth D. Lewis, Chairman and Executive Officer

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Dear Mr. Lewis,

As an account holder in your institution, the Board of Directors of the Association for the Rights of Catholics in the Church (ARCC) strongly protests your decision to deny services to WikiLeaks. We do so because by your actions you have charged Mister Assange, then made yourself prosecutor, judge and jury, when in fact he has not been tried, much less convicted, in any court which offers due process. Such action strongly calls into question Bank of America's integrity and ethical standards. This is especially disconcerting when we are at a point where our financial institutions have been found wanting, and even responsible for the dire financial straits in which we find ourselves in the U.S.

ARCC works for openness and accountability in the Roman Catholic Church, along with our membership and many, many other Catholic organizations. Our experience tells us we cannot be silent, and even support such organizations that openly thwart and hinder what we so desperately need in our country and the world.

The denial of services to WikiLeaks leads us to suspect that Bank of America may be one of those organizations that support and maintain the secrecy and lack of openness that we oppose so very much, and that strike at the very core of the principles of our organization. Continuation of your decision to deny services would confirm our suspicions, something we would find unacceptable.

While our account with Bank of America is insignificant in size, we assure you that any failure on your part to deal ethically and openly with this situation will result in our making public our unsuccessful effort to change your policy which cries out for justice and action.

Please give this serious consideration and be assured that any inactivity on your part will have consequences in as much as we are able to bring them about.

Sincerely yours,

Patrick Edgar, DPA, President
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