



KnowThyNeighbor.org

February 3, 2006

Julie Teer, Press Secretary
Governor's Press Office
State House, Room 265
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Ms. Teer,

As late as 12:06 P.M. on Friday, February 3rd, there has been no formal statement issued from Governor Romney or Lt. Governor Healey regarding the tragic hate crime against three men which occurred late Wednesday night/early Thursday morning.

I contacted the news desk at the Boston Globe and the Governor's office directly and was told that there is no plan as of yet for a statement by the Governor. I find the lack of timeliness by Governor Romney in addressing the victims and their families, the gay community and the town of New Bedford shameful and ask for an immediate response from his office.

The nature of any hate crime especially one of this magnitude is a blow to all in the Commonwealth and we look to our leadership for guidance.

The Governor and Lt. Governor are welcomed to use the venue of KnowThyNeighbor.org to address the communities involved and we look forward to an immediate press statement.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Lang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Lang
Director