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W. Guy Schumacher, Ed. Superintendent

Libertyville Elementary Schools

1381 West Lake Street

Libertyville, IL 60048

Dear Mr. Schumacher:

We are writing regarding the use of the comic book "Maus" by Art Spiegelman in your school district. The Polish American Congress strongly disapproves the use of this publication as required reading. It portrays the Polish people as pigs who helped the Nazis persecute Jews during the Holocaust.

The American Council of Polish Culture presented examples of other resources to be used instead of your students reading a publication that explicitly discriminates against an ethnic group. The Polish American Congress strongly urges you to consider these alternatives and to immediately remove the "Maus" publication from your obligatory reading list.

Sincerely,

Christine Lukaszewicz Kibler
National Director, WNY Division

Richard B. Solecki
President, WNY Division

Copy to: Frank Spula, President, Polish American Congress