

An Open Letter from the Board of *Out in the Mountains*

During the three months that the NAMBLA ad ran, we received more letters about the ad than we have ever received on any other topic. Some of the letters were supportive of our decision to run the ad; most opposed that decision.

Some of the letters expressed clearly the point that NAMBLA is a pedophile organization which actively endangers the lives of young boys and perpetuates the mistaken stereotype that homosexuals and pedophiles are synonymous. Other letters pointed out that whether or not *OITM* ran the ad, there would still be pedophiles and that our community needs to work actively at educating young people against abuse and empowering them to choose healthier and more fulfilling relationships. Some of the letters challenged us to look closely at the equality of power between man and young boys. And finally, there were the advocates of an open media, who pointed out that a free press in a free society must challenge the assumptions of its readers.

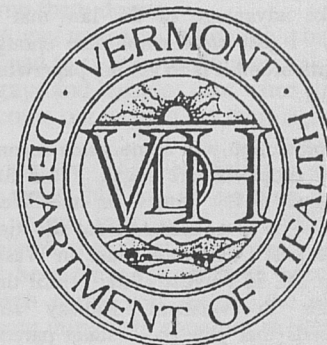
The ad is no longer in *Out in the Mountains*.

We are actively reviewing our editorial and advertising policies in an attempt to establish flexible guidelines, which allow for the expression of the sentiments of the community and yet permit an environment for meaningful debate. We have established an editorial committee to review the contents of the paper, including advertising, and to respond to feedback from our readers.

The readership of *OITM* is very diverse, hence we do not expect consensus on every topic. Sometimes what gets printed may be an unpopular view of an issue. Our intent is not to create an atmosphere of controversy but to provide information about our community and encourage open discussion.

There will be future challenges facing us, as our community and *OITM* continue to evolve. We encourage your active participation in the paper. ▼

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