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Dear _____,

It has recently come to our attention that many schools and institutions are considering purchase of the *Artscroll Women's Siddur* as a Bat Mitzvah (or other appropriate occasion) gift and as an addition to the school library. We were initially quite taken with the idea of a women's siddur and saw it as a way to encourage young women to better connect to tefillah. **However we have come to the realization that this siddur is inappropriate for a modern Orthodox institution or one that sees its role as encouraging women's participation in prayer.**

We have enclosed, for your information, a wonderful review which was recently published in the JOFA Journal. The review outlines in depth the reasons we believe this siddur to be inappropriate, and perhaps even detrimental, to a young woman's perception of herself in relationship to tefillah. We encourage you to read it and distribute it to whomever on your staff, or in the community, you feel would be appropriate.

Please feel free to call our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Carol Kaufman Newman
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