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Dear Mr. Trudeau,

I am in receipt of a letter dated 28 October 1976 from Ms. Hellie Wilson, Assistant Correspondence Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister. Ms. Wilson informs me that my letter to you regarding the Canadian Human Rights Act has been forwarded to Justice Minister Basford.

I am afraid, Mr. Trudeau, that this is not going to do us much good. You see, we have already written on three occasions to Mr. Basford (30 August, 5 October and 25 October 1976) and we have not received so much as an acknowledgement.

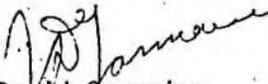
We cannot even get an answer from your government as to why sexual orientation is being left out of the Canadian Human Rights Act. If this is the way you communicate with the people of Canada, is it any wonder that your popularity is at a very low ebb?

When an RCMP spokesperson made an anti-gay comment to the media, we wrote to Solicitor General Francis Fox asking for a meeting to discuss discrimination against gay people in the RCMP. Our letter was routinely acknowledged, but only after ten days of repeated telephoning was I able to talk with Mr. Fox's Executive Assistant Claude Morin (on October 28th). He promised to call me back on November 1st.

I am still waiting.

Mr. Trudeau, if your government wishes to condone discrimination against homosexuals and does not wish to take steps to outlaw such discrimination, won't you at least let us know that this is your position?

Yours sincerely,


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