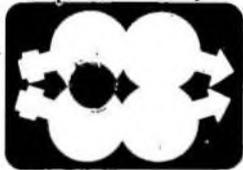


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Dear Member of Parliament,

When the Canadian Human Rights Act was passed recently by Parliament, an amendment to add sexual orientation to the list of prohibited categories of discrimination was defeated.

Although we said at the time that the majority of Canadians were ready to grant homosexuals basic civil rights, the response we got from many Members of Parliament was that the public wasn't ready for it yet.

We would like to draw your attention to the Gallup Poll attached which shows that 52% of Canadians favour the inclusion of sexual orientation in the Canadian Human Rights Act against only 30% opposed. If one discounts those who were undecided, the figures become 63% in favour and 37% opposed.

Unfortunately, this poll was released one month after the Act was passed in the House of Commons.

We think it is time to start thinking about amending it.

Yours sincerely,

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