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Dear Mr. Solicitor:

I wrote to your predecessor complaining about certain comments by the Commissioner of the RCMP wherein he asserted, publically, that the reason why the force did not allow homosexuals to join was because other officers would feel uncomfortable working side by side with them.

I pointed out that this is precisely the kind of reasoning that was used against jews and blacks and which is today, I would hope, utterly unacceptable. I asked what he was going to do about this kind of policy and this kind of attitude and what changes he was going to institute to reverse this policy decision.

He did not answer me.

Before I had a chance to follow it up further, you replaced him.

May I address the same questions to you and ask for an early response? I know you share some of my views on civil liberties and I would hope that you would care enough about this issue to take immediate action since the problem is squarely within your jurisdiction.

Yours very truly,

  
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