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March 20, 1986

Rt. Honorable Brian Mulroney ✓
 Prime Minister
 Room 309-S
 House of Commons
 Parliament Buildings
 Wellington Street
 Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and membership of GAYS OF OTTAWA, this letter conveys our appreciation of Justice Minister Crosbie's assurance that measures will be taken to ensure sexual orientation as a prohibited ground of discrimination in all areas of federal jurisdiction.

After decades of policy excluding homosexuals from the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, and more recently, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, stereotypes and myths surrounding the subject are so ingrained that any change may result in fear and resentment which would transcend against newly-accepted homosexual co-workers. We believe that special education is paramount in effecting transition as smoothly and safely as possible for all parties concerned.

To this end, GAYS OF OTTAWA proposes to organize, design, and deliver a cross-Canada educational program to identified groups within the Armed Forces, RCMP, and CSIS.

GAYS OF OTTAWA is committed to the elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation and offers, through active cooperation with the federal government, the benefit of 15 years experience in educating police, municipal government, media, and the general public on this matter.

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We trust our humanitarian aims will be reflected by your serious consideration of this educational proposal, and welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss programming possibilities in greater detail.

Yours respectfully,



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President

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