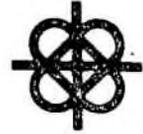


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The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney,
Prime Minister of Canada,
The House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In March of 1986, responding on behalf of the Government of Canada to the Report of the Parliamentary Subcommittee on Equality Rights, the then Minister of Justice, The Hon. John Crosbie, pledged that the federal government would "take whatever measures are necessary to ensure that sexual orientation is a prohibited ground for discrimination in relation to all areas of federal jurisdiction."

It was expected at the time that action by the government would take the form of a bill to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to bring it into line, in the matter of sexual orientation, with equality provisions of the Charter of Rights.

In 1978 the House of Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada issued a Statement on Human Sexuality which says, in part: "We affirm that homosexual persons are entitled to equal protection under the law with all other Canadian Citizens." The stated objective of the federal government is certainly congruent with this statement by the House of Bishops.

The Unit on Human Rights of the Program Committee of the Anglican Church of Canada asked me to write to you and to the Minister of Justice, expressing our Church's support for the stated intention of the government, and urging action at the earliest possible time.

I recognize the controversial nature of the government's commitment of March 1986, but the issue is one of fundamental justice and I join with the Unit on Human Rights in urging it upon the government.

Yours sincerely,

