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Dear Mr. Kelleher:

I am writing with reference to the lawsuit filed sometime ago by Corporal James Stiles of the RCMP. Corporal Stiles has been a member of the RCMP for over sixteen years and has an outstanding record of service within the RCMP. In August, 1984, Corporal Stiles was discharged as a member of the RCMP and engaged as a civilian member under considerable duress. This was done solely on the basis of Corporal Stiles' homosexuality. I have a number of questions arising from this matter.

1. Is it still the policy of the RCMP that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the recruitment, retention and promotion of RCMP members is no longer permitted as a result of the government's response to the Report of the Special Committee on Equality Rights? This was certainly the position taken by your predecessor publicly and by you privately to me.
2. If indeed this is RCMP policy, why is Corporal Stiles now having to fight a legal battle in order to be restored to full status as a member of the RCMP?
3. Please forward to me a copy of the Statement of Defence filed by the Department of Justice on behalf of the government in this matter.

I hope that you would recognize the profound injustice of this treatment of a loyal and hardworking member of the RCMP. Corporal Stiles should not have to spend taxpayers' money to achieve basic equality as guaranteed by the Charter of Rights. I say taxpayers' money because his legal fees are being paid under the provisions of the Court Challenges Fund provided by the federal government.

I look forward to your early reply.

Sincerley yours,

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