

Chief of the Defence Staff



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Dear

Thank you for your letter and please excuse my delay in replying. I wanted to take the time to reply myself, rather than have the staff draft a reply, and I have been out of the country until recently.

I appreciate the situation you find yourself in but I am afraid there is not much I can do about it. As you know, your query has received much attention in National Defence Headquarters including from Minister Campbell and more recently Minister Collenette; there is not much that I can add to what they have told you. It is a fact now, as I know you appreciate, that since the fall of 1992, we have changed the policy that barred practising homosexuals from serving in the Canadian Forces, and no longer are CF members treated differently based on sexual orientation.

That said, the policy that existed prior to October of 1992 was one which was authorized, indeed it was originally initiated, by the Government of Canada, and the change of that policy itself cannot be made retroactive.

All that said, I regret the experience you endured as a result of the policy that existed when you joined the Forces, and I offer you my best wishes for whatever you do in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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