

**National
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M.J. Nadon
Commissioner
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
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Dear Mr. Nadon,

Please find enclosed copies of letters I have written to Solicitor General Francis Fox and Justice Minister Ron Basford.

These letters are self-explanatory.

Needless to say, we are distressed at the statements made by an R.C.M.P. spokesperson, as quoted in the October 5th edition of the Globe and Mail.

We were not surprised, however, as we have been aware of an anti-gay bias in many sectors of the public service, particularly the R.C.M.P. and the armed forces.

Mr. Nadon, I think the day is long gone when most people considered homosexuality an illness or a character weakness. It is no longer appropriate for government agencies -- for any agencies in this country -- to maintain policies based on this outdated assessment of homosexuality.


I am a homosexual; I am open about it and I hold a responsible position in the federal public service. I do a good job; my homosexuality is not a factor in my job and there is no reason for it to be a factor.

I see no reason why ANY position in the public service should be closed to me because of my homosexuality. I am sure I could contribute positively in any area, including the R.C.M.P. I am not liable to blackmail, any more than any of my colleagues, gay or heterosexual.

If you say to me that gay people who do hide their homosexuality are open to blackmail, I say to you that they hide their homosexuality because of the attitudes and policies of agencies like the R.C.M.P.

I think, sir, that it is time we had a clear statement of policy from the R.C.M.P. that it does not discriminate against homosexuals in its hiring, nor in granting security clearances.

Yours sincerely,


E David Garmaise, Coordinator

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