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Hon. Francis Fox  
Solicitor General  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Mr Fox:

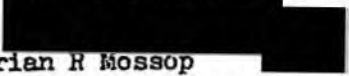
Last week the Globe and Mail reported that the RCMP wants exemption from provisions of the new Canadian Human Rights Act that would give its employees access to their files. One reason stated was that neighbours of prospective recruits would be less likely to answer questions about the candidate's character if they knew their participation in such a character investigation might become known.

One of the points of investigation mentioned by the RCMP spokesman was homosexuality, and in this regard we would like to ask you two questions.

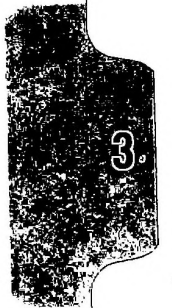
First, as minister responsible for the RCMP, do you believe a potential recruit's homosexuality is of any relevance to his or her being hired by the RCMP?

Second, do you believe the Canadian Human Rights Act, reportedly to be introduced at the beginning of this session of Parliament by the Minister of Justice, should contain protection for federal employees against discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation. The case in favour of such protection was made in a brief entitled The Homosexual Minority and the Canadian Human Rights Act, prepared by the National Gay Rights Coalition, of which GATE is a member, and sent to all MPs earlier this year. We call on you to urge Mr Basford to modify his proposed legislation in this way.

Yours sincerely,

  
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for the Executive Committee





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