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The Rt. Hon. Brian Mulroney
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Mulroney

I write today, Prime Minister, urging you to assure that your government will introduce amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act to guarantee equality of rights to "gay and lesbian persons" and to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

It is indeed a cause of sorrow that gay and lesbian persons often find themselves discriminated against with reference to housing and jobs, that no recognition is given longstanding relationships, that they experience harassment and persecution. The contributions to the fabric of Canadian life made by persons who are gay and lesbian cannot be denied.

The United Church of Canada through the actions of subsequent General Councils is firmly on record calling for the clear extension of civil rights to gay and lesbian persons, the prohibiting of discrimination against them and the active discouragement of all forms of harassment against them.

We anticipate your government's early and unequivocal actions in this regard.

Yours sincerely



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