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Dear

On behalf of the Honourable Marcel Massé, Member of Parliament for Hull - Aylmer, I wish to thank you for your correspondence of 1995, expressing your concern with regard to the issue of sexual orientation. I regret the delay in my response.

Having received Royal assent on July 13, 1995, the government has produced amendments to the Criminal Code that reflect our collective condemnation of acts of aggression motivated by hatred. Such amendments are in keeping with commitments the government has set for itself to protect individuals from discrimination.

The issue of the recognition of same-sex relationships is a separate and complex question. The Honourable Allan Rock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, has stated that any decision on this latter issue would be made only after extensive consultations with Canadians.

Once again, allow me to thank you for taking time to express your concerns to Mr. Massé. You may be assured that they have been carefully noted.

Yours sincerely,

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