

February 26, 2016

Mr. Mike Lake, M.P.
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Lake,

RE: 2015.04 Invoke Section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in the case of Carter vs. Canada

I am writing as a private citizen in regard to the above resolution, which I support. The federal government is commended on taking action and asking for a six month extension to consult with Canadians on this complex issue. I still favour the federal government asking to invoke Section 33, which gives the elected government the legislative authority to overturn or suspend a judicial court ruling.

Since the ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada has broad implications for all Canadians, and in particular, the vulnerable in society facing end-of-life decisions, there is a need for more time – more than six months to ensure all of the safety features and needs are addressed. This ruling puts a burden on the medical professions, who care for the dying, as well as on their caregivers. Our elected officials represent the people of Canada, and their duty is to ensure that the rights of all Canadians are served when legislation is drafted. Canadians now, and in the future, will be affected by this legislation.

Can this be accomplished in an additional six months? A better alternative would be invoking Section 33, which would allow 5 years for careful deliberation and full consultation and dialogue with all affected parties. I urge the federal government to reconsider and invoke Section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in the case of Carter vs Canada. In order to meet the needs of all Canadians, I also urge the federal government to prioritize making patient-centered, good quality palliative care more accessible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to receiving a reply.

Sincerely,

_____ (print name)

_____ (signature)

_____ (address)

January 30th, 2016

The Honourable David Eggen,
Minister of Education,
228 Legislature Building
10800 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Eggen,

As a concerned Albertan, I wish to voice my opposition to the elements of the document "Guidelines for Best Practices: Creating Learning Environments that Respect Diverse Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities and Gender Expressions."

I share my support, referencing the Alberta Catholic School Trustee Association 'Statement in Response to Guidelines for Best Practices':

- I support Catholic education guided and grounded by our faith, every child is seen as a precious and unique child of God deserving of individualized love and attention to reach their full God-given potential.
- I reaffirm the rights of parents and/or guardians as primary educators to make informed choices for their child/children.
- I reaffirm the responsibility and the role of the Alberta Catholic Bishops to provide moral and theological leadership to the Catholic education communities as part of the Catholic community as a whole.
- I appreciate the leadership of Catholic school boards, Catholic school divisions/authorities, and the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA) in the development and implementation of overarching Safe & Caring school policies, strong anti-bullying policies and the LIFE Framework (Lived Inclusion for Everyone) document which have long ensured that all students, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, etc. are treated with equal respect and dignity.

I am confident that all Catholic Boards will continue to be responsive to the individual needs of their students. It is my hope that Catholic education will continue to be an important part of the education system in Alberta as it has been for over 100 years.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your response.

Respectfully yours,

Name
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