



Attn: _____ (elected official)

Re: Canadian Rainbow Week of Action May 11th – 17th

Dear _____,

I am writing this letter to you as a member of the United Church of Canada, and as a part of the local congregation _____, to urge you to take action to protect 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, families and communities in your capacity as my elected political representative at the _____ level. We as part of the Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada believe that we are called to follow Jesus' wisdom in the way of a radically inclusive love. We do this as evidence of our belief that all people are unconditionally loved by Creator whose divine image we reflect. The PMRC seeks to live out its ministry by intentionally creating safer spaces of belonging with members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities and their families.

I am a resident in your constituency and I am writing today as part of the Society of Queer Momentum's Rainbow Week of Action to express my concern about the rise of anti-2SLGBTQIA+ hate and hateful rhetoric in Canada which is jeopardizing the equality, safety and rights of queer people. As your constituent, I urge you to speak out about rising anti-2SLGBTQIA+ hate and take meaningful action to advance equality for 2SLGBTQIA+ people - by listening to 2SLGBTQIA+ people in our community and across Canada.

As part of the Rainbow Week of Action, we echo Momentum's calls to:

- Publicly condemn the rise in anti-2SLGBTQIA+ hate taking place across Canada.
- Speak up in the House of Commons, Council Meetings or Legislature and urge action to advance equality and address rising hate.

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- Explore concrete actions you can take to advance equality for 2SLGBTQIA+ Canadians
- Update the Federal 2SLGBTQIA+ Action Plan to strengthen anti-hate measures, 2SLGBTQIA+ economic development and long-term funding for 2SLGBTQIA+ community organizations.
- Work alongside 2SLGBTQIA+ civil society, health organizations, provinces and territories to improve 2SLGBTQIA+ health and well-being, including access to and coverage of gender-affirming healthcare.
- Implement the 29 policy solutions contained in the White Paper on the Status of Trans and Gender Diverse People.

You can review the larger list of calls to action for elected officials at every level of government at <https://www.rainbowequality.ca/callstoaction>, and you can find the White Paper on the Status of Trans and Gender Diverse People at

https://randallgarrison.ndp.ca/sites/default/files/white_paper_on_the_status_of_trans_and_gender_diverse_people-english_0.pdf

Thank you in advance for your consideration, time, energy and support. I look forward to seeing, supporting and participating in action that you undertake.

In Solidarity,

Signature

Printed name and contact information

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