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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to contact the Conservative Party of Canada and for sharing your thoughts with us regarding human rights commissions at the federal and provincial level; we greatly appreciate your input as a concerned Canadian. Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed and noted.

The Government of Canada recognizes that freedom of expression is a fundamental freedom guaranteed under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* that may be limited only when it is demonstrably justifiable to do so in a free and democratic society.

At the federal level, the Canadian Human Rights Commission is the independent body responsible for administering the *Canadian Human Rights Act*. The Commission operates at arm's length from the Government and reports directly to Parliament. A person may file a complaint with the Commission if he or she believes that an individual or group within federal jurisdiction has engaged in a discriminatory practice.

As the Commission operates at arm's length, the federal government respects the Commission's independence and does not interfere in its normal course of operations. For more information about the operations of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, we would encourage you to visit the Commission's Web site at:

<http://www.chrc-ccdp.ca/>

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours truly,

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