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Via Fax and Email

May 18th, 2008

Dear Mr. Cummins:

I have always voted Conservative federally. Always. I also feel that you have served your constituents well over the past several years. But, unless I see concrete evidence before the next election that the Conservative Government is taking concrete steps to rectify the many problems endemic to the Canadian Human Rights Commission, I will not be voting Conservative in the next election. I will be encouraging others to follow my lead.

As I have become more and more aware over the past few months of the extent of the abuses perpetrated by the CHRC and its' Provincial Counter-parts, I have become more and more angry. It takes a lot to get me out of my chair and I have never written a letter to my MP or MLA before but I have reached my boiling point. The CRHC is corrupt and it is a direct threat to our fundamental freedoms. I cannot think of a more deadly combination.

The CHRC needs a complete overhaul with a view to weeding out the corruption and returning it to its' original, limited mandate. Section 13(1) of the CHR Act must be repealed. It is not necessary (the Canadian criminal Code can fairly and adequately address REAL hate crimes) and is being abused by a serial complainant (who benefits financially but suffers no loss) with the assistance of his friends (and former co-workers) at the Commission. While the Supreme Court of Canada may have upheld the Constitutionality of S. 13 in 1990 (by a 4-3 split) it is clear that the court did not envision where we are today. It is also clear it will not survive the inevitable Court challenge that will rise out of the Lemire case or any of the other cases currently grinding along at a snails' pace.

The Governments' submissions in the Lemire case are a disgrace and an embarrassment. The Government allowing the CHRC to run amok, and allowing the abuses to continue while doing nothing is a disgrace and a scandal. This is particularly galling given the Governments' conservative roots.

This issue is important because it is an attack on our fundamental freedoms and, in particular, freedom of speech and freedom of the press. (Please note that the right not to be offended is NOT enshrined in our Bill of Rights). It is more important than the current price of gas or whether our troops should be in or out of Afghanistan. In fact, when you think about it, it is why our soldiers are fighting in Afghanistan – to protect our fundamental freedoms.


If you elect to respond to this letter, please take the time to do more than pass on the official party line talking points on the subject. I am familiar with them and find them totally unconvincing.

Finally, a message to Mr. Stephen Harper, whom I have great admiration and respect for : Please wake up before it is too late.

Yours Truly,

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C.C. The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada