

Rosemary Underwood
5 Onyx Lane, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 1K3
Phone/Fax – 905-642-0499

July 22, 2002.

The Right Hon. Jean Chretien, Prime Minister of Canada
Room 309-S, Centre Block
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister

Re: Ontario ruling on same sex marriages

My husband and I are neither homophobics nor bigots but we are deeply troubled about the erosion of the concept of "Family" in our society.

We have no problem with the rights of homosexuals being defended in the same way that the rights of all citizens are protected. But on the issue of gay "marriages" we feel the majority of our citizens are being forced to bow to the desires of a small minority to make a mockery of marriage.

Since time began "marriage" has been defined as the union of a man and a woman for the purpose of being able to create a family. There is no possible reason or excuse to change this definition. If homosexuals want some other definition of their unions, and wish to live their chosen lifestyle in the privacy of their homes so be it, but the term "marriage" should be reserved for the preservation and sanctity of the concept of "family" in our society.

There is another disturbing issue involved here. This is only one example of ever- increasing numbers of intrusions into the lives of Canadian citizens being made by non-elected representatives i.e. appointed judges who are accountable to no one. This is not the way democracy is supposed to work - elected representation by population was something we all learned in about the third grade.

We have just learned that Ralph Klein will move to invoke the "Notwithstanding" clause to protect the sanctity of marriage in Alberta and we applaud his progressive attitude.

We implore the Canadian Government and its elected representative to take action to appeal this absurd decision of the Ontario Court.

We would appreciate a confirmation from you that you have taken decisive action on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rosemary Underwood". The signature is written in black ink and features a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Rosemary Underwood, Reg. N., B.Sc. (Psych.)