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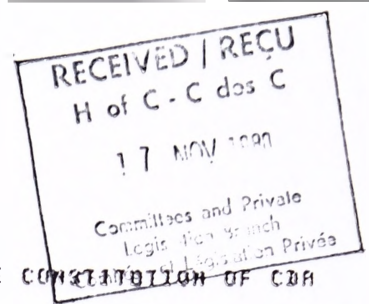
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THE JOINT CLERKS SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA  
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DIGNITY CANADA DIGNITE IS A NATIONAL LAY GAY CATHOLIC ORGANISATION WHICH WORKS FOR ACCEPTANCE BY GAY MEN AND WOMEN OF THEMSELVES AND OF GAYS BY THE CHURCH IN SOCIETY. WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT INCLUSION OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION PROTECTION IS TO ABOUT TWO MILLION CANADIANS NOT COVERED BY THE QUEBEC HUMAN RIGHTS CODE. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED LIMITED CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER. IN OUR VIEW IF THE NEW HUMAN RIGHTS CODE DOES NOT OFFER FULL PROTECTION THEN IT IS WORSE THAN NONE AT ALL. WITHOUT INCLUSION OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DISABILITY AS PROHIBITED GROUNDS FOR DISCRIMINATION, MILLIONS OF CANADIANS MAY BE LEFT UNPROTECTED FOR MANY YEARS BECAUSE



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AMENDING MAY BE VERY DIFFICULT. WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE COURAGE TO ACCEPT THE CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS RECOMMENDATION THAT SEXUAL ORIENTATION, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DISABILITY BE PROHIBITED AS GROUNDS FOR DISCRIMINATION IN THE NEW CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS CODE. WE REQUEST AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

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