

November 27, 2003

Hon. Andy Scott,  
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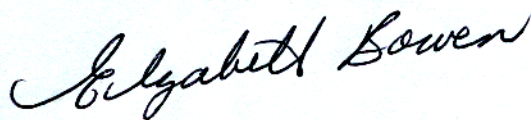
Dear Mr. Scott:

Members of the Canadian Unitarian Council were shocked to hear of the physical attack you suffered at the hands of an opponent of equal marriage rights for all. You have our sincere admiration for standing by your convictions despite considerable personal and possibly political loss. We hope there will be no lasting physical effects of the attack on you, and that you will recover fully after being the brunt of such hatred

Canadian Unitarian ministers and lay chaplains have officiated at same sex unions since the 1970s. They are pleased and honoured to perform same sex weddings in those Canadian jurisdictions where equal marriage rights are now available. We would like to express our appreciation for your stand to preserve our religious freedom to perform those wedding ceremonies requested of us, without regard to sexual orientation.

The Canadian Unitarian Council is an organization of forty-four congregations located throughout Canada with 5,200 individual members. Both at an individual and group level, Unitarians have a long tradition of supporting all human rights, including those of gay, lesbian, transgendered and intersexed people. Arising out of the work of outspoken reformers and dissenters within the Christian tradition five centuries ago, the Unitarian movement today flows in a broad religious stream augmented by Universalist, Humanist, Pagan and other progressive contributions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Bowen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elizabeth Bowen  
President

