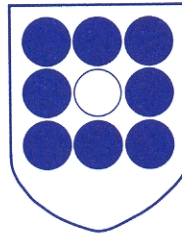


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Dear Minister:

Re: Bill 44

This is to thank you very much for the telephone meeting the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) had with you on Friday, May 22nd. As you know, my colleague Abby Deshman and I represented the organization for this discussion. We are especially grateful for your courtesy in granting us non-Albertans the opportunity to raise with you our concerns about a piece of proposed Alberta legislation.

Our other reason for writing is to provide additional assistance to the deliberations you and your colleagues are having regarding this Bill.

In order to appreciate our views, it is important to observe the distinction between imparting knowledge about religious subjects and promoting a belief in any particular religious ideology. Historically, the parental rights of exemption were attached only to the latter, not to the former.

