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To the Right Honourable Mr. Paul Martin
Prime Minister
Office of the Prime Minister
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Montréal, 8 December 2004

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

We, the undersigned, have been informed by an article published in the Montreal daily *La Presse*, on 2 December 2004, following a statement released by **the Honourable Mr. Irwin Cotler**, Federal Minister of Justice, we quote : “...*that he is quite confident that the Supreme Court would endorse gay marriage and that he promises that he would introduce a bill regarding this matter as soon as the month of February of next year.*”

Moreover, the Honourable Irwin Cotler has said, as reported by the same article : “...*that he did not foresee the possibility of the Supreme Court rejecting legislation allowing marriage between persons of the same sex...*”.

Mr. Prime Minister, isn't Mr. Cotler, by making such a declaration before the Supreme Court has rendered its decision, unduly influencing the Court ? Or is it conceivable that the Honourable Minister of Justice might have some advance knowledge of the decision the Court is expected to make public tomorrow, on December the 9th, 2004 ?

It is our opinion that the Minister of Justice, as a member of the Executive Branch, has unduly interfered with the Judicial Branch which is in flagrant contradiction to the Canadian Constitution and to the principle of separation of power between the Executive and the Judiciary.

Therefore, Mr. Prime Minister, we ask that the Honourable Minister of Justice of Canada would be advised to resign.

Respectfully,

(S) Me Alexandre Khouzam,
President