HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
Newfoundland and Labrador

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District of St. John's Centre

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Dear Premier Wakeham (Tony),

Once again let me congratulate you and your party on your election victory and express our desire to work together on issues of common concern to improve the lives of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

Since the election, our office and I have been copied on numerous emails to you from people concerned about your decision to include Mr. Steve Outhouse on your transition team and what that could mean for inclusion, human rights, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policies, school and student safety, and protection for members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Considering Mr. Outhouse's ideology, political history and policy initiatives, we are concerned about the influence he will have on your government's legislation and policy and ask that you clarify your government's stance on these issues.

Mr. Outhouse was the Campaign Manager for Danielle Smith in 2023, a premier who has now forcefully legislated teachers back to work and rolled out legislation to ban books in the school system. He was instrumental in the crafting of Policy 713 from former New Brunswick Premier, Blaine Higgs, and his Progressive Conservative government which targeted 2SLGBTQIA+ students in K-12 in violation of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Provincial Human Rights Act.

Considering how closely your party worked with the federal Conservatives during this campaign, a party that seems to be mirroring President Trump's tactics, we need you to clearly state your support of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and commit to upholding the rights and personal safety of all individuals regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, etc. In particular, I would like to hear your answers to the questions posed in the letters and emails I received regarding school and student safety, health care and human rights, public service and Crown corporations, and inclusive governance.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns, and I look forward to your reply.

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