



March 1, 2004

Senator Michael Kirby
Senate of Canada
Parliament Buildings Wellington Street
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Dear Senator Kirby,

I am attaching the Canadian Bar Association's (CBA) submissions on the previous version of Bill C-6 (then Bill C-56), *Assisted Human Reproduction Act* and on Draft Legislation of Assisted Human Reproduction, in the hope that these will be helpful to the Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology in its consideration of the Bill.

I regret that circumstances do not permit us to appear. A few weeks ago, the CBA was approached by the Committee's Clerk to appear before the Senate Committee when it considered Bill C-6. Mr. Charbonneau indicated that the Senators had specifically asked if Mr. Brent Windwick of the CBA's National Health Law Section could appear.

Mr. Windwick was available to attend on February 25, the date first proposed. Mr. Windwick was subsequently able to reschedule another commitment to instead attend on March 3 at 3:30 p.m. to accommodate a change in the Committee's schedule. Unfortunately, Mr. Windwick is unable to accommodate the latest change in the Committee's schedule from 3:30 p.m. to noon on March 3, which we learned of last Friday.

Yours truly,

"Original sent by email"

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