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The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk
Chair, Senate Committee on Human Rights
The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, ON
Canada, K1A 0A4

Dear Senator Andreychuk,

RE: Bill C-21, *Canadian Human Rights Act* amendments (application to the *Indian Act*)

The Canadian Bar Association's National Aboriginal Law Section (CBA Section) is pleased to have the opportunity to assist in the Senate Committee on Human Rights' study of Bill C-21, *Canadian Human Rights Act* amendments.

We have attached the CBA Section's 2007 brief on the previous Bill C-44 to the House of Commons Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development. When we appear before your Committee next week, the CBA Section will address the various changes that were made to the Bill by the House, and comment as to how those changes meet some of the concerns set out in our written brief. We will also be pleased to respond to any questions from the Honourable Senators.

Thank you again for the invitation to present the CBA Section's views to your Committee.

Yours very truly,

(Original signed by Gaylene Schellenberg for Christopher Devlin)

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National Aboriginal Law Section