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The Honourable Shirley Bond,
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Dear Ms. Bond:

Further to our letter of 8 February, 2007, an article by Murray Corren in the last edition of BCTF's *Teacher Newsmagazine* recommends that teachers refuse to accommodate freedom of conscience and religion of parents and students. Mr. Corren cites your Ministry's 'clarified' Alternative Delivery policy and the letter from your Deputy Minister as authority for his views.

The position of the League is that teachers who follow Mr. Corren's advice will be in breach of a legal duty and may find themselves respondents in human rights complaints. In that case, it would not be surprising if the Ministry were named as co-respondent.

Teacher Newsmagazine has declined to publish the enclosed response from the Catholic Civil Rights League (*The Goose, the Gander and the Elephant*). Most this article will be familiar to you as a result of our previous letter. However, the last part of the paper introduces the 'elephant in the room,' a practical issue that is likely to be of some importance if families defy attempts to impose objectionable curriculum.

Our mailing to school districts this week includes our letter to you of 8 February, 2007, and a copy of the enclosed article.

Sincerely,

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cc: BC School Superintendents' Association
BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association
BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

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