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Sexual Orientation Consultation Team
Equality and Rights Division
Office of the First Minister and Deputy
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Dear Sir: Madam,

I am writing in response to Questions 10 and 11 of the consultation paper on Sexual Orientation Regulations and wish to ask that you include exceptions for the school curriculum and for all schools.

I have currently two young children of primary school age and as a parent I would be very upset if these regulations force schools to put homosexuality on an equal footing with heterosexuality in schools.

It is important that the school curriculum is exempt from these regulations and that schools are not placed under a duty to actively promote gay rights across the curriculum.

Children need to be taught the importance of a loving heterosexual relationship and promoting homosexuality will lead to more pupils becoming sexually confused.

As a Christian I believe that all pupils should be treated equally but urge you to protect children and not to erode parental rights with regard to sex education as passing this legislation in its current form would do.

I trust that you will consider this and that schools and the school curriculum will be exempted from the regulations.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Linda Beattie