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Governor Generals Office
Attention: Director of Honours/Chancellery of Honours
Rideau Hall, 1 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A1

Re: Dr. Margaret Somerville

Dear Director of Honours for the Order of Canada:

I am writing to express my concerns about the possibility of Dr. Margaret Somerville ever receiving an Order of Canada. I believe that if Dr. Somerville were to ever receive our country's highest civilian honour, that the integrity and greatness of an Order of Canada would be undermined.

Dr. Margaret Somerville is a leading academic who is the Founding Director of the McGill Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law. In the past, Dr. Somerville has taken a very strong public position against same sex marriage and the rights of gays and lesbians to marry. Her position has promoted the discrimination of gays and lesbians and has caused significant pain to many Canadian families.

As a result, I feel that if Dr. Margaret Somerville is ever nominated to receive an Order of Canada, the advisory committee should reject it.

Thank you for allowing me to express my views.

Sincerely,


Craig Maxfield

c.c. Dr. Margaret Somerville