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Supreme Court denies Chris Kempling justice

The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to hear a freedom of speech case brought by Quesnel, BC teacher Dr. Chris Kempling in a dispute with the British Columbia College of Teachers. The case stemmed from letters to the editor written to the *Quesnel Cariboo Observer* between 1997 and 2000, questioning the wisdom of promoting the homosexual agenda.

Chris Kempling states: "This is a victory for the enemies of free speech, and a sad day for all Canadians who value the free exchange of ideas in the public square.

"Everything I have written about homosexuality is backed up by solid research data. I stand by what I have written. People need to remember that I have never been asked to retract any of my public statements, nor has any human rights complaint been laid against me. I was simply expressing a social conservative point of view shared by millions of Canadians."

(NB - Chris Kempling was the CHP candidate in Cariboo-Prince George. His statements accurately reflected CHP policy, which has never been challenged. — Ron Gray, National Leader, CHP)

Mr Kempling continues:

"It is my intention to keep on fighting by filing a formal complaint with the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. While that won't affect today's court decision, it may embarrass Canada into reviewing its alleged commitment to free speech rights for religious minorities.

"Many people have urged me to write a book about my experiences, and I will now seriously consider doing that. I have no regrets about what I have done in the past 10 years in defence of children. As U.S. President Teddy Roosevelt once said, 'It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with dust and sweat and blood... and who... if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.' I am a servant of the King of Kings, and there is no such thing as permanent defeat."