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Commissioner

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B.C. Human Rights Tribunal
1270 – 605 Robson Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 5J3

Attn: Britt S., Case Manager

Re: *British Columbia Teachers Federation obo Chilliwack Teachers Association v. Barry Neufeld*, HRT Case Number CS-01372

Please find enclosed a document book of academic articles that the Commissioner intends to rely on in her written submissions, given that we are now unable to call Dr. Travers. These outline the formation, effect and rhetorical work of moral panics, including discussion of the claim that gender affirming care or support is child abuse. We consider that these articles reflect social fact, and the Tribunal can take notice of their content given its specialized knowledge in assessing claims under s. 7 of the *Code* and whether or not speech is discriminatory or amounts to hate speech.¹ However, for the benefit of transparency, we are providing notice and copies to all parties well in advance of the deadline for our written submissions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Sokolova".

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¹ Sarah Blake, *Administrative Law in Canada*, 7th ed (LexisNexis Canada, 2022), §2.14