

# ACTION ALERT - Bill C-38 Committee hearings are being run aground

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**Dear CFAC members and friends,**

Bill C-38 Committee hearings are continuing this week and yet are a farce!

Consider this:

1. Some pro-marriage witnesses are receiving less than 24 hours notice prior to appearing before the committee.
2. The committee says it will table its report within 24 hours of finishing hearings, which means the government was never serious about hearing from Canadians who were opposed to C-38.

Tell the Prime Minister, via the three people below that this dictatorial style process is a national disgrace. Paul Martin is not just anti-marriage; he's anti-democratic. He promised full public hearings but delivered a "stacked star chamber" with the majority of members that has its mind made up before even one testimony. On June 1st, the PM told his caucus this Bill WOULD be pushed through before summer break.

That means he had no intention of considering what the witnesses have said.

**Fax and phone these committee members to let them know your disgust;**

Committee Chairman Marcel Proulx: **613-992-7550** (PH); **613-992-7599** (FAX)

Don Boudria: **613-996-2907**(PH); **613-996-9123** (FAX)

Justice Minister Irwin Cotler: **613-992-6762** (FAX)

**E-mail these pro-marriage MPs a copy of your above fax:**

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**Another very critical matter:**

In response to leaked Liberal memo, CFAC's President, Dr Charles McVety, a prominent Evangelical Christian leader is calling on Prime Minister Paul Martin to reign in anti-Christian MPs. Mr. McVety and his College was singled out in a leaked internal Liberal party memo as targets to be silenced before

testifying at the Parliamentary Committee on Bill C-38.

"After reading this memo, we are appalled with the Prime Minister's strategy to use Revenue Canada to silence those who don't agree with him," said Dr. Charles McVety, President of Canada Christian College, a senior director of the Defend Marriage Coalition and President of CFAC. Suggestions that the College has violated its charitable status is ludicrous and absolutely false.

This is a shameless abuse of power and violation of human rights in Canada. As a Human Rights "champion," will Justice Minister Irwin Cotler allow this kind of attack of freedom of Universities and Colleges and people of faith?

Dr. McVety was also confused by Liberal MP Mark Holland's accusation that McVety 'believes in removing the boundaries between church and state.' "It is ironic that no claim of separation was made when Liberal MP Joe Volpe came to our church service soliciting support by promising to defend marriage" said Dr McVety. "However when we discovered Volpe deceived us and we exposed that deception on [www.josephvolpe.com](http://www.josephvolpe.com) we are attacked."

"CFAC will not be intimidated, nor will we allow our President to be intimidated and falsely accused", said Executive Director Brian Rushfeldt. The blatant attempts to demean and intimidate people of faith such as in the Globe and Mail a few days ago and now the Liberal party must stop and we will see it does. Some of the things said lately border on hate and propagation of hate and will not go unchallenged.

We will keep you members advised as this case develops.

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On a more good news front:

I would like to suggest attendance at the free presentation below (in four cities). As we encounter the decay of our society in social, moral and even democratic areas, we need to understand how to be an effective "influence" in our culture.

The Work Research Foundation presents ***To Change the World***, a nationwide series of presentations on the need for networked Christian leaders in all spheres of society, from business to arts, academy to government. Dr. James Davison Hunter walks audiences through the ins and outs of building faithful networks with the power to shape culture.

***To Change the World*** comes to **Calgary June 13, Toronto June 15, Ottawa June 16** and **Winnipeg June 17**. Visit us on-line at [www.tochangetheworld.ca](http://www.tochangetheworld.ca) for more details and registration.

Brian Rushfeldt

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