



October 9, 2008

~~Yukon Human Rights Commission~~ *Yukon's Select Committee on Human Rights*
Suite 101 - 9010 Quartz Road
Whitehorse, Yukon

Re: Proposed changes to the Yukon Human Rights Act

To Whom It May Concern:

The Yukon Association for Community Living is a territorial advocacy agency formed in 1964. We work actively to promote the meaningful inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities, and their families, into all aspects of community life.

We have many long years of experience supporting people to address their issues and to find their own voice. As a matter of fact, in 1988, self-advocates themselves told the national organization, in no uncertain terms, that they did not want to be represented by a group called the Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded....they wanted the word "retarded" absolutely removed. Thus we became known as the Association for Community Living.

We speak in favour of the changes suggested by the Commission to the Definition of Disability - Current Section 37 of the Act.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joanne Stanhope, President and Pat Berrel, Vice-President

