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Subject: Convicted child molester working at the sports centre
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Premier Kathy Dunderdale
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Dear Premier Dunderdale

I am approaching you in the hope and belief that you will do what others with whom I have had contact will not, specifically to intervene to protect the many innocent children who have been willfully placed at risk at the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Centre in St. John's, Newfoundland.

For more than two years Raymond Gareth Stanford, a convicted child molester and former teacher, has been on staff at the NLSC. I have documented what information I have on this situation on my website, including a letter received from Dr. Pat Parfery (Chair of the Board of Directors). Dr. Parfery contacted me I contacted the Director of Recreation and sports Division of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. The information can be accessed here: <http://www.theinquiry.ca/wordpress/misc/prominent-non-clerical-catholics-charged-sued-or-accused/stanford-raymond-gareth-stanford/>. I have also, for your convenience, attached two of the relevant documents.

I am amazed and quite frankly dumb-founded that, in a city which has been rent asunder by sex abuse scandals, this man was hired and continues to work in a facility frequented by children and youth.

I do not for a moment accuse Mr. Stanford of molesting any of the children with whom he has contact at the centre, but my experience tells me that it is unwise to put children at risk. Even if it means giving a convicted sexual predator 'another chance.' we can not and should never take a chance on the safety and well being of children. The horror stories emanating from the Catholic Church and other institutions around the globe remind us time and again that there is no assurance that a molester will not molest again: they also remind us of the deleterious and long-term impact of sexual abuse on a child. I must add that the fact that Mr. Stanford is essentially employed as a janitor does not in any way negate his ability to gain access to, groom and /or molest a child while he is at work.

This facility reports to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. I implore you as the premier of the province, and for the safety and well-being of children from across the province who frequent the centre, to take action.

Yours truly,

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