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Whom it may concern,

Recently there was an article regarding an interaction between Ms. Geistlinger and a drag queen. I was very proud of her choice to quietly live by her conscience without causing drama or any antagonism.

I am a 48 year old father in Penticton, I'm not a Christian but I do have beliefs that are both conservative and liberal. I consider myself more center.

That said I wanted to share what I sent her this morning so that would know that many of us are thankful that she represented our beliefs in spite of the enormous political pressure she probably faces every day.

" I'm just writing to you to say thank you for standing up for your values even though I'm sure it must have taken some courage. There are plenty of people who agree with you and appreciate the stance you took, quietly but firmly.

Please do not listen to their passive aggressive manipulation of "micro aggression". Living by one's conscience without imposing it on others is the very heart of freedom and liberty."

I hope you know, so many of us in the Okanagan see her actions as a breath of fresh air. Please respect the wonderful privilege we have in this democracy to live by our beliefs and respect the freedom of others to live by theirs, and even celebrate it. It would be a tragedy if we silenced her voice while we mandate everyone celebrate Mr Clark's. That's not the liberty of the Canada I know and grow up in.

Sincerely,

Travis Penner