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We at the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project join the community in sending our best wishes to Chris Cochrane. Violence of any kind should not be tolerated and is unsettling regardless of motivations, but an incident like this is particularly disturbing for our community.

It is no secret that feelings of homophobia and transphobia continue to thrive in our society. All too often, these feelings of fear and hatred lead people to commit violent acts. We know that crimes against the LGBTQ community have been increasing and that when these crimes are committed, they are likely to be more violent crimes than those aimed at other groups.

This emphasizes the challenges we face educating the public about homophobia and transphobia and the importance of addressing all forms of discrimination. We will continue to fight homophobia and transphobia and we commend Chris for speaking out and exhibiting such extraordinary strength.

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