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Dear David,

I was shocked to discover that of the 13 Commissioners on your Board of Commissioners, nine (69.2%) are female, some of whom are clear (on your website) about their activism in relation to women's issues, whilst not even *pretending* to have the slightest interest in men's issues.¹ Commissioners are appointed by the Minister for Women and Equalities. Why is there no Minister for Men?

I should like to help you achieve a number of objectives – presumably including more gender diversity on your Board, given the attention the EHRC has devoted to gender diversity over the years? – by being appointed as a Commissioner. Please consider this letter my expression of interest in the post. I've enclosed copies for your 12 colleagues.

The human rights of men and boys in Britain today are assaulted in many areas by the state's actions and inactions, almost always to privilege women and girls. **Justice for Men & Boys (J4MB)**,² the political party I launched in 2013, and still lead, explored 20 such areas in its 2015 general election manifesto.³ They included:

Genital mutilation	Armed Forces veterans mental health
Reproductive rights	Homelessness
Fatherlessness	Suicide (#1 cause of death of men under 45)
Education	Criminal justice system
Employment	Paternity fraud
Denial of access to children	Anonymity for suspected sexual offenders
Domestic violence	Divorce settlements
Sexual abuse	Healthcare provision

The British state today assaults the human rights of women and girls *specifically* in no areas. **None**.

Given these *demonstrable* facts, the EHRC should be focusing considerable attention on the issues facing men and boys, but it is not – other than when they happen to be associated with characteristics

¹ <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/who-we-are/our-commissioners-committees-and-governance/about-our-commissioners>

² <https://j4mb.org.uk>

³ <https://tinyurl.com/V10manifesto>

other than their sex (e.g. race, disability...). This is why I propose you appoint a Commissioner to advocate for men and boys. Just one, out of a total of 13.

J4MB is a prominent organization in the international Men's Rights Movement (MRM), a rapidly-growing movement fighting for the human rights of men and boys. I suggest that as the party's leader since its inception over five years ago, I am in an unrivalled position to help the EHRC start considering issues affecting men and boys.

How is the state able to trample upon the human rights of men and boys with impunity? One explanation is the empathy gender gap, one of many issues explored in detail by William Collins, an important British blogger, over a number of years. He is, by common consensus, the most important blogger on men's issues in the world.¹

Along with Elizabeth Hobson, our Director of Communications,² I should like to meet with you, and possibly a number of your colleagues, with a view to starting the process of putting men's issues squarely on the agenda of the EHRC. That process is long overdue.

Finally, I've posted a copy of this letter on our party's website.³

I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Buchanan

Party leader

Copies:

Caroline Waters (Deputy Chair)
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Lorna McGregor
June Milligan (Wales Commissioner)
Mark McLane
Dr Lesley Sawers (Scotland Commissioner)
Professor Swaran Singh

¹ <https://empathygap.uk>

² <https://tinyurl.com/ElizabethHobsonJ4MB>

³ <https://tinyurl.com/EHRC81118>