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*Her Majesty The Queen
Buckingham Palace
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Loyal Address to Her Majesty The Queen

Your Majesty,

We have pleasure in sending you our loyal greetings and congratulations on the occasion of your Diamond Jubilee. We thank you for your dedicated service to the nation and to all sections of society.

We were pleased to hear that members of the Royal Family will be visiting many of the countries of the Commonwealth of Nations during your Diamond Jubilee. We are sure that they will be welcomed by all the people in those countries as they celebrate your Jubilee. The people involved will be from all parts of society, including members from their Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans communities.

Your Majesty, as Head of the Commonwealth of Nations, we sadly have to report that 40 countries who are members of the Commonwealth still discriminate against or persecute LGBT people simply on the grounds of their sexual orientation, using the laws inherited from Great Britain in the 19th Century.

We hope and trust that the Commonwealth will when they next meet decide to adopt an enlightened view similar to that of the United Kingdom in these modern times.

May your reign continue to be long and glorious for all of your people in the United Kingdom and throughout all the countries of the Commonwealth of Nations.

With loyal greetings on your Diamond Jubilee,

Ross Burgess

On behalf of the committee & membership of Croydon Area Gay Society

On the occasion of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia