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Dear Chair

I am writing pursuant to section 7(c) of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011* to ask the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights to inquire into, and report on, the religious discrimination legislative package that was introduced into Parliament on 25 November 2021.

The legislative package comprises:

- The Religious Discrimination Bill 2021
- The Religious Discrimination (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021
- The Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2021

This legislative package represents an important human rights development by filling a gap in the Commonwealth anti-discrimination framework to ensure that all Australians are protected from discrimination on the basis of religious belief or activity.

I ask that the Committee examine the legislative package and report to both Houses of the Parliament by 4 February 2022.

I look forward to receiving your report on this important inquiry.

I have copied this letter to the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP.

Yours sincerely

Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash

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