

## Deductible Gift Recipients (DGR)

It is with dismay that I write to you concerning the recommendation to remove tax deductibility for donations made to religious charities in support of SRE.

I believe the presence of SRE in our schools is vital to the well being and complete education of our students. SRE fulfills the spiritual pillar that our curriculum includes. As well, teachers and principals testify to the benefits of SRE in schools. It is the right of our children to have every opportunity to be taught SRE.

Because of its importance, I give of both my time and my money. I have paid tax all my working life. The fact that I can give and receive some tax deductibility, is a real help to me. I know I am not alone.

SRE relies on the donations of people like me. Without our donations and the ability to receive tax deductions, religious charities that support SRE will be under great stress.

I note, with perplexity that the only DGRs that the Draft Report recommends removing are for SRE in public schools and private school building funds. I wonder what the proposed policy is for Ethics classes in public schools?

I urge you to reject this draft proposal for the well-being of our students and equal opportunity for SRE.