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Activist says his money will not pay for abortion

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ALBERTON — David Little hasn't filed a tax return since 1999 and said he will not file again as long as there's tax-funded abortion in this country. Even if it means going to jail.

Little was convicted in a Fredericton courtroom last November but has subsequently appealed that conviction. His appeal before New Brunswick's Court of Queens Bench has been adjourned until Oct. 24.

"This is a constitutional case," explained Little. "My constitutional defence arguments radiate around freedom of religion and conscience and freedom from discrimination."

Little recently moved with his wife and family to Alberton, preferring, he said, to live in the only province where abortions are not performed. It is from here that he plans to mount a nationwide political movement to have the Canada Health Act amended to prohibit funding for abortion and to have an unborn child declared a legal "person."

He argues that allowing abortions to be performed defies God's laws, and he notes the very first line of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms reads: "Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law."

"God will judge us on the choices we make," said the devout Roman Catholic. Despite advising the federal tax department annually of his reason for not filing, Little said Revenue Canada ignored him until after he wrote a scathing letter in July 2003 to then prime minister Jean Chrétien.

"Here is the simple unvarnished truth, Mr. Jean Chretien. You sir, are quite certainly not even Christian, let alone a Catholic. Please abandon the gross hypocrisy of calling yourself a Catholic for it is a most apparent lie. As a leader, you have done incalculable harm to the souls of not only Canadians but humanity at large. You sadden and sicken me. You are a disgrace to simple decency and I fear for your soul. You try to clothe yourself with the sanctity of Catholicism while your words and deeds reek with the stench of evil."

— **Excerpt from Little's July 8, 2003, letter to Chretien**

Official demands for tax returns for the years 1999 to 2003 were issued six weeks later.

Legal action was set in motion against him soon after he mailed a critically-worded letter to then prime minister Paul Martin in 2004.

Little doesn't expect his case to end at appeal.

"I'm convinced," he said, "whoever wins at this level, it's going to be appealed."

He expects the case to eventually make it to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Little says he will continue his fight even if it means going to jail.

His loss, he posted in blogs, would be small compared to the loss suffered by victims of abortion.

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