TAKING A STEP BACKWARDS IN HUMAN RIGHTS!

How does this happen I ask myself?

In a time when we are constantly looking for ways to move society forward. When we are celebrating the appearance of new gains in Human Rights. We are seeing more and more reports of what we believe to be the acceptance of everyone's right to be who they want to be. People rallying and standing up for who they are. Refugee's fleeing to safer countries and being welcomed and cared for by people embracing the rights of all to a safe and secure future without fear of discrimination. And then this.....

I stood in total amazement the day I listened to Donald Trump make his announcement to run for President of the United States of America. His words struck me numb, to a point I thought it was someone's idea of a very poor joke.

His open, arrogant, monstrous display of Racism, Sexism and Discrimination to name a few, ignored by a country that is thought to be bold, progressive and even 'great' by some. How can this be? Why has no one brought charges forth on the base of all the Human Rights he violated?

Unfortunately my friends, I believe that only serves to show that there are still many many people that have the same prejudices. The support shown to Mr. Trump on his tirade is proof, in my opinion, of a society that really hasn't moved that far forward. It highlights the fickle commitment by society to support a cause simply because it 'looks good' but underneath allows any efforts to move forward to be tainted by the arrogance of a man who's character is cultured from money and greed.

It confirms that there is a long way to go to afford all people Human Rights without exception..... That's what I believe, should be our ultimate goal.

Let his example not change our path as Canadians. Let our plight begin in our workplaces, in our union activities, in our lives. Let's take the lead and ensure a better future for our children and their children's children.