

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

To:

Brad Redekopp  
Member of Parliament, Saskatoon West  
904E – 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West  
Saskatoon, SK, S7M 0S1

Dear Mr. Redekopp,

I hope this letter finds you well. I became a Canadian citizen on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. On reflection since, I have recognized that the portion of the citizenship oath I swore pledging allegiance to the Queen Elizabeth and her heirs and successors (currently King Charles), is incompatible with the values I uphold.

I hereby recant the first section of the Citizenship Oath relating to the monarchy that I was by law obliged to take in 2019, which reads as follows: *“I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada, Her Heirs and Successors”*.

The oath suggests that in order to become a citizen of Canada, I have to swear allegiance to people with privilege who have earned and maintained that privilege by colonizing and exploiting nations all over the world. I ought to be treated with dignity and respect and not as a subject to a monarch. Furthermore, the notion of affirming allegiance to a monarch under a democratic form of government is a departure from modern democratic government norms of equality, fairness and inclusivity.

I therefore exercise my rights of conscience, thought and belief, as well as freedom of speech and expression to disavow the pledge of allegiance I made to the monarchy.

Moreover, should the Canadian government ever revise the oath of citizenship to remove references to the monarch and the monarchy, I would enthusiastically reaffirm my commitment to citizenship in a public ceremony.

I will continue to wholeheartedly respect the remainder of the oath, which reads “...and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada and fulfill my duties as a Canadian citizen.”

Sincerely,

Muaz Ahmed

UCI: [REDACTED]

CC: Honourable Marc Miller, M.P, Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship