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The Honourable Marc Miller

Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Confederation Building,

Suite 733 House of Commons, Ottawa, ON KIA 0A6

Honourable Minister,

I have become a citizen of Canada on July 18th, 2023. I have embraced my identity as a citizen, among equals, in a progressive, modern democracy.

On reflection, I have also recognized that the portion of the citizenship oath I swore, which pledges allegiance to King Charles the Third, and his heirs and successors, is incompatible with the democratic and republican ideals I uphold. I was born in a republic (India) and educated in another (USA). It is my view that it is entirely inappropriate for Canada to require of its new citizenry, allegiance to a monarch or head of state not elected by its people. I see this state-sanctioned subjugation as detrimental to our national spirit and to the fulfillment of Canada's role, internationally, as an independent democracy.

In accordance with my principles and conscience, I hereby recant that portion of my sworn oath which read I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, King of Canada, His Heirs and Successors..." I continue to wholeheartedly respect the remainder of the oath, which read ...and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada, including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, and fulfill my duties as a Canadian citizen."

Sincerely,

Sreeraam Uma Chadalavaada

Orleans, Ottawa, 2023