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The Honourable Ms. Judy Sgro Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Jean Edmonds South Tower 21st floor, 365 Laurier Av. Ottawa, Ontario. K1A 1L1

Honourable Minister,

I became a Canadian citizen in 1977. Since then I have come to embrace 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 Queen Elizabeth, and her heirs and successors, is incompatible with the democratic ideals I uphold.

It is my view that it is entirely inappropriate for Canada to require of its citizenry, allegiance to a monarch. 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 as a member of Citizens for a Canadian Republic, an organization dedicated to the installation of a Canadian head of State, 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 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada, Her 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 and fulfill my duties as a Canadian citizen."

Sincerely,

This solemn declaration is made conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

Sworn before me at the City of Toronto in the Province of Ontario this 20th day of May, 2004

Ashok Charles

Andrew C. Lewis
A Commissioner etc.
Notary Public

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November 19, 2004

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Dear Mr. Charles:

I am writing in regards to your letter of October 4, 2004, to the Honourable Judy Sgro, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. I apologize for the delay in responding.

The Citizenship Act states that a person becomes a citizen if they meet the requirements in section 5 and then take the oath of citizenship.

The only way that a person can renounce their citizenship is to follow the requirements described in section 9 of the Act and section 7 of the Regulations.

A person loses their Canadian citizenship if their application for renunciation is approved. The individual must meet all requirements of the *Act* by filing an application for renunciation. We do not recognize implicit renunciation, and there are no laws in Canada that state that a person loses citizenship if the individual recants part of the oath that was sworn at the time the individual became a citizen.

I trust that this explanation is satisfactory. Should you wish to find out more information concerning the requirements for renunciation of citizenship, please visit our web site at www.cic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

John Warner Case Analyst

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