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The Honourable John McCallum  
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration  
Jean Edmonds South Tower  
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Honourable Minister,

I became a Canadian citizen in 1987 (Citizen Card no. 4212335). 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 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 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

Chi Shun Hui (Mr.)