

October 23, 2023
Toronto, Ontario

To: The Presiding Citizenship Judge Joan Mahoney
Cc: The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
Ottawa, ON K1A 1L1

Dear Citizenship Judge, Honourable Minister,

Pursuant to the guidance provided by Justices Weiler, Lauwers, and Pardu in their ruling at the Court of Appeal for Ontario in the case of McAteer v. Canada (Attorney General), 2014 ONCA 578, paragraph 76:

“the appellants have the opportunity to publicly disavow what they consider to be the message conveyed by the oath”¹

I hereby disavow the initial portion of the Citizenship Oath. This portion entails my pledge of faithfulness and true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, the King of Canada, and his successors in perpetuity.

I wholeheartedly renounce and object to this segment connected to the British monarchy, which I was legally obligated to take earlier today for Canadian citizenship. I deem it inappropriate, profoundly offensive, and a vestige of our colonial history.

Earlier this year, prior to the coronation of King Charles III, the Archbishop of Canterbury in England emphasized on several occasions that the allegiance pledge to the monarch is an invitation, not a mandatory command². Even the very individual who conducted the coronation and crowned our symbolic King of Canada affirmed its optional nature.

Henceforth, I pledge my faithfulness and true allegiance to Canada and its people. I will continue to honour the remainder of the oath, which commits me to faithfully abide by Canadian laws, including the Constitution that recognizes and upholds the rights of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. And I will fulfill my obligations as a Canadian citizen.

Sincerely,

Dimitri Pozios

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1 McAteer v. Canada (Attorney General), 2014 ONCA 578 (CanLII) <https://www.canlii.org/en/on/onca/doc/2014/2014onca578/2014onca578.html>

2 Maqbool, Aleem & Rhoden-Paul, Andre, *BBC News*, May 2 2023, “Coronation: No drama over swearing allegiance, says archbishop” <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-65458470>