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The Honourable Marc Miller
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House of Commons,
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Honourable Minister,

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

I was born and educated in a republic(India), and 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 accord with a ruling made by the Court of Appeal for Ontario concerning the Citizenship Oath (McAteer v. Canada, 2014 ONCA 578, paragraph 76) that

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

I hereby completely disavow 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,
Abhishek Sharma
10-05-2023

ⁱ See <http://www.ontariocourts.ca/decisions/2014/2014ONCA0578.htm>