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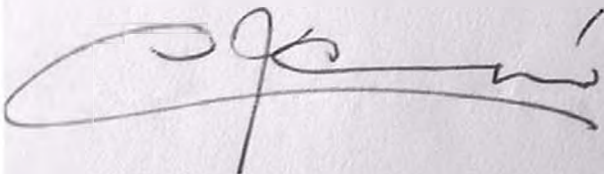
M. Serge Joyal & Hon Harry Hays, Co-Chairman,
Parliamentary Committee on the Constitution,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you with regard to the constitution on behalf of the member associations of the Canadian Crafts Council, representing in total some 30,000 Canadians involved in crafts.

We regret that we have been unable to prepare a statement for the Committee but we have been extremely deeply involved with the preparation of a brief for the Federal Cultural Policy Review Committee and our funds and staff do not permit us to do more. We do have some concerns on the constitutional question but we hope that our more detailed concerns with regard to cultural policy will cover the constitutional issue. These have been generally expressed in the cultural policy recommendations prepared by the Canadian Conference of the Arts which will be released later this month. I am sure the CCA would be willing to send a copy to your committee. We will certainly be willing to send you a copy of our own detailed brief should you so wish, but we wish simply to assure you that our failure to respond to the Committee is due to neither lack of interest nor apathy.

Yours sincerely,



Charley Farrero
President

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