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His Excellency The Right Honourable  
Edward Schreyer, C.C., C.M.M., C.D.,  
Governor General of Canada

November 25, 1980.

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Son Excellence le très honorable  
Edward Schreyer, C.C., C.M.M., C.D.,  
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The Honourable Senator Harry Hays and  
Mr. Serge Joyal, M.P.,  
Co-Chairmen, Special Joint Committee  
of the Senate and House of Commons  
on the Constitution of Canada,  
Houses of Parliament,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sirs:

The Canadian Association for the Prevention of Crime strongly supports the move to entrench a Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in Canada's Constitution. We believe, however, that amendments to the draft being considered by your Committee are essential if the resulting Charter is to have maximum effect.

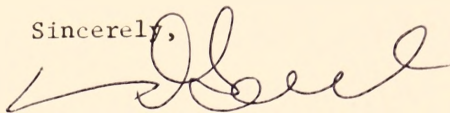
The Canadian Association for the Prevention of Crime is a national voluntary body with the twin objectives of reducing the crime problem and promoting good criminal justice services for all Canadians. In our preventive role we are interested in all sections of the proposed Charter that have implications for improving the lot of Canadians who suffer under social handicaps. However, because of time pressures, we propose to limit our presentation to your Committee to those sections of the proposed Charter that deal with Legal Rights.

We are anxious to appear before your Committee to present our views or, if that is impossible, to submit a written statement. We are of the opinion that the deadlines set by the Government of Canada for this exercise are far too rigid. On such an important matter time should be provided for full study by organizations such as ours and for unhurried presentations before your Committee.



We look forward to your decision on whether an appearance by our Association before your Committee is possible or, if not, whether you can accept a written statement. Perhaps one of your staff could phone me to give us your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. T. McGrath".

W. T. McGrath,  
Executive Director.

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