November 11, 1980

Chairman
Joint Committee on the Constitution
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

Dear Sir:

The Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association respectfully requests an opportunity to appear before the Joint Committee on the Constitution in order to testify and present a brief.

Believing that human rights are sacred and the freedoms enjoyed in Canada must be shared equally by all, the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association feels that the current debate on the Canadian Constitution and the enshrining of a charter of fundamental human rights is of great concern to all Canadians and particularly to those segments of our society who are members of minorities.

Since our organization has been intensely involved in research and issues relating to the problem of racism and human rights, we are extremely anxious to contribute our views and concerns to this historic undertaking which will have so significant an influence in the direction that Canada will take at this critical juncture.

We would appreciate an appearance scheduled for the last week of November or the beginning of December.

We look forward to your early reply.

Respectfully,

Sabina Citron
Helen Smolack

P.S. In this context we are now preparing to submit a petition to both the Federal and Ontario Provincial Governments on a similar issue on behalf of 30,000 Canadian citizens representing the Toronto Jewish community.