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Joint Clerks
Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada
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Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Sirs:

Further to our cable to the Chairman of the Special Committee on November 7, 1980, we hereby request to appear before the Committee.

We have been supportive of the Prime Minister's position on the patriation of the Constitution and the entrenchment of basic human rights and freedoms ever since the government's plan was announced.

However, we believe the proposed Charter of rights and freedoms fails to protect the rights of other ethnic and linguistic minorities to preserve, maintain and promote their cultural and linguistic heritage. It is our position that the Charter should be amended by including those rights in the Constitution.

We, therefore, request you to allow us to make our submissions before your Committee.

Yours very truly,

THE FEDERATION OF CHINESE CANADIAN PROFESSIONALS (ONT.)

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First Vice-President

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