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The Right Honorable  
Pierre Elliott Trudeau  
Office of the Prime Minister  
Parliament Buildings  
OTTAWA, Ontario

Dear Sir:

We have been retained by The Lloydminster Real Estate Board Association to write you expressing the concern of the Members of the Board that the provisions to guarantee Canadians the right to own property in Canada have apparently been deleted from the Constitutional Proposals.

Canadian Citizens living in the Border City of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan -- Alberta, and surrounding District, experience every day the difficulties caused by Provincial Laws restricting "Foreign Ownership" of property and some of these Laws permit only Residents of a particular Province to own property in that Province and consequently seriously discriminate against the basic rights of Canadian Citizens. Surely a Canadian Citizen is not in the same category as an American, German or Russian Citizen.

Some Provincial Governments attempt to justify such discriminatory Laws on the basis that Provinces cannot constitutionally differentiate between Foreign or Canadian Non-Residents. Other Provinces, however, do have Foreign Ownership Legislation which does permit Canadian Citizens to own property in that Province, even though such Canadian Citizens may not be residents of that Province.

Communities situated geographically on or near a Provincial Border have experienced this type of discrimination and the real problems that it creates. Lloydminsterites, more than most Canadian Citizens, recognize the need for Constitutional Reform to alleviate these problems.

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Now is the opportune time to deal with such discriminatory  
Laws and entrench in the Constitution the right of every Canadian Citizen  
to own property anywhere in Canada.

Yours truly,

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cc: Continuing Committee on Constitutional Reform,  
The Honorable "Bud" Miller, M.L.A.,  
The Honorable Peter Lougheed, Q.C.,  
The Honorable Bob Long, M.L.A.,  
The Honorable Allan Blakeney, Q.C.,  
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