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STATEMENT  
ONTARIO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
ON THE  
CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

THE ONTARIO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SUPPORTS  
THE PRINCIPLE OF HAVING AN ENTRENCHED CHARTER OF  
RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS IN A NEW CANADIAN CONSTITUTION.  
OUR COMMISSION FEELS HOWEVER THAT THE PROPOSED  
CHARTER HAS MANY FLAWS.

WE WISH TO LEND OUR FULL SUPPORT TO THE BRIEF  
PRESENTED TO THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE  
CONSTITUTION, BY MR. R.G.L. FAIRWEATHER, CHIEF  
COMMISSIONER, CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. IF  
MR. FAIRWEATHER'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED WITHIN  
HIS BRIEF WERE ACCEPTED, WE BELIEVE THE CHARTER WOULD  
THEN REFLECT THE NOBLE INTENTIONS OF PARLIAMENT. MORE  
IMPORTANTLY, IT WOULD BE A DOCUMENT THAT ALL CANADIANS  
COULD BE PROUD OF.