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(A SWEDISH AMERICAN FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION)



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The Chairmen
Joint Parliamentary Committee
on the Constitution
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Sirs:

As a representative of seventeen different organized groups throughout Canada of Swedish peoples I wish to express their deep concerns regarding the Constitution. One of our strong aims is the promotion of good citizenship and consequently we are concerned for other ethnic groups as well.

Canada's new Constitution does not include any reference to the cultural diversity of our country. We urge your Committee to take the necessary initiative to ensure that Canadians of all Cultural backgrounds have the rights to maintain and promote their heritage and that those rights be incorporated into the Constitution.

Many of our groups have been operating in Canada for over fifty years and they feel very strongly that Multiculturalism must be part of the new Constitution.

Yours truly,

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