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The Honourable Sean Fraser
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration
Confederation Building, Suite 733
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Honourable Minister,

I have become a citizen of Canada on June 15th, 2023. I have embraced my identity as a citizen, among equals, in a progressive, modern democracy.

On reflection, I have also recognized that the portion of the citizenship oath I swore, which pledges allegiance to King Charles the Third, and his heirs and successors, is incompatible with the democratic ideals I uphold.

It is my view that it is entirely inappropriate for Canada to require of its citizenry, allegiance to a monarch or head of state not elected by its people. I see this state-sanctioned subjugation as detrimental to our national spirit and to the fulfillment of Canada's role, internationally, as an independent democracy.

In accordance with my principles and conscience, I hereby recant that portion of my sworn oath which read "I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, King of Canada, His Heirs and Successors..." I continue to wholeheartedly respect the remainder of the oath, which read "...and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada, including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, and fulfill my duties as a Canadian citizen."

Sincerely

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