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Dear Ms. Mageau:

Thank you for your letter dated June 11, 2010 about your concerns about Federal Bill C232.

This issue is fundamentally about changes to a key institution, Canada's Supreme Court, without consultation with Canadians. The chief concern in the selection of judges should be legal competence and individual merit—not proficiency in both languages. Our focus is on the role of the Court making decisions on law.

Bilingualism in Canada is a federal construct – it is not a legal or constitutional requirement. There is also a big difference between requiring federal institutions to provide services in both languages and requiring that all members of the institution be fluently bilingual. French language, on the job training for judges is reasonable and understandable, but this is not what Bill C232 states or implies.

Yours truly,

for Alison Redford, Q.C.
Minister

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