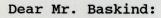




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As Minister of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship, I wish to extend to you my personal congratulations and those of the Prime Minister of Canada on the occasion of your becoming a Canadian citizen.

Your Government is pleased that of all the nations of the world, you have chosen Canada as your new home. In making this choice, you have honoured your fellow citizens. As well, Canada is enriched by the energies, talents and cultural traditions you bring to this society.

This is an important day for you and for Canada. From this point forward, you will share fully in the rights and privileges of Canadian citizenship. At the same time, you assume the special responsibility of protecting and preserving the principles of democracy and human freedom which are the cornerstones of our nation.

May I take this opportunity to wish you every success in the days ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Weiner

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