

Date: _____, 2018

Mr./Ms. _____ M.P. for _____
_____, BC _____

Dear Mr./Ms. _____,

It has come to my attention that MP Jenny Kwan (Vancouver East, NDP) is going to present to the Parliament of Canada a bill to designate December 13th of each year as "Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day." I am opposed to such a bill for the following reasons.

The bill refers to an incident that happened over 80 years ago in China and it is an issue solely between China and Japan. It has nothing to do with Canada or Canadians. It is totally inappropriate for Canada to wade into a dispute between two foreign countries and, moreover, to take sides with one foreign country over another. It sets a dangerous precedence in Canada where racial groups are trying to coexist in harmony. Many people in Canada fled their birth countries because of racial, religious and political issues. If this bill is passed, there will be many racial-disputes brought to the Parliament of Canada, let alone to our society at large. Canada must avoid this.

In view of Canada becoming a multi-racial, multicultural society in the early 70s, I am appalled that an M.P. is considering a bill that would divide Canadians into ethnic groups to create racial tension. It shows a dreadful lack of sensitivity for the rights of racial groups to live in peace.

The Japanese Canadians already experienced persecution in Canada during the World War II. Their assets were seized and they were forcefully interned. It left an indelible impression on generations of Japanese-Canadians to this day. This sort of targeting one racial group must never be repeated in Canada. These were the words echoed when redress to the Japanese-Canadians was realized in 1988.

I ask you as my M.P. to stop Ms. Jenny Kwan's bill before it is even presented to the Parliament of Canada.

Sincerely,

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