

HUMBLY SHEWETH

TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

Petition for equity and fairness at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights

Whereas, the government of Canada has recognized fundamental human rights in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and

Whereas, the government of Canada is providing over \$100 million in capital funding for a national museum for human rights in Winnipeg and an additional \$22 million in annual operational funding; and

Whereas, the Government of Canada has recognized in legislation the Ukrainian Great Famine (Holodomor) of 1932-33 as an act of Genocide against the Ukrainian people; and

Whereas, the Government of Canada has recognized the internment operations against the Ukrainian community during the first World War; and

Whereas the report of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights recommends only 2 permanent galleries one for the Holocaust and one for aboriginal peoples; and

Whereas, the Content advisory committee did not include the testimony of dozens of witnesses who testified at its hearings about the importance of including the Holodomor and Canada's First National Internment operations of 1914-1920 in its exhibits; and

Whereas the museum has indicated that unlike the Holocaust and indigenous suffering, the Holodomor will not be prominently and permanently recognized, but rather will be included in a gallery alongside some fifty other mass atrocities; and

Whereas, Canada's First National internment operations will not be given a permanent gallery; and

Whereas, the composition of the Content Advisory Committee and the Board of Trustees has raised important concerns about the partiality of the museum's governance; and

Wherefore, a national taxpayer funded museum should not elevate the suffering of any group above that of another;

Therefore, we humbly pray and call upon Parliament to ensure that the government ensures that the Holodomor and Canada's First National Internment Operations are permanently and prominently displayed at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in their own galleries; and

That the government suspend any further funding to the museum until issues surrounding the governance of the museum are reviewed and addressed in a transparent manner.

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