

Our Conservative Government believes that taking the Oath of Citizenship is an important step in affirming one's commitment to Canadian values and traditions.

At the very moment newcomers are joining the Canadian family, we believe new citizens should recite the oath proudly, loudly and for everyone to see and hear.

That's why our Conservative government strongly opposes the wearing of a niqab – or any face covering – that would stand in the way of reciting the Oath of Citizenship and pledging allegiance to Canada and our Queen.

Canadian citizenship confers both rights and responsibilities. The rules for obtaining it should apply equally to all.

We believe that when someone becomes a Canadian citizen, they should embrace our culture and everything that makes us proud to be Canadian. That should be done without interference, freely and openly. It's why we filed a notice to appeal this week's court decision allowing people to wear the hijab while taking the Oath.

As Prime Minister Harper said in Quebec yesterday:

***"It is offensive that someone would hide their identity at the very moment where they are committing to join the Canadian family."***

**[Add your name if you agree with our Prime Minister.](#)**

Sincerely,

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