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TO MADHU KUMAR

Dear Madhu:

I am writing to make a few brief comments about your recent exhibition at the Cumberland Gallery in the Saskatchewan Legislature.

Your work is impressive and the way in which it is presented is truly powerful and very human.

Canada is perpetually a land of newcomers. Nation-building, the Canadian way, is a neverending exercise in inclusion, which demands openness, generosity, understanding, accommodation and mutual respect. From the new immigrant's perspective, your work conveys the courage, the tenacity, the hope and determination that are required to be part of that nation-building process.

On a visit to Canada some years ago, Her Majesty the Queen, said that Canadians do not ask each other to deny their forebears or to forsake their inheritance, but only that we value and respect the cultural freedom of others, just as we enjoy our own. The immigrant women you have presented demonstrate some of the diversity of the Canadian experience, the richness of what they bring, and the implications of our desire to be the world's finest expression of pluralism.

Congratulations upon a wonderful display of art, multiculturalism and human potential.

Sincerely,

Hon. Ralph Goodale, PC, MP

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