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## **Sample letter to an MP**

[date]

[first name, last name], MP  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear [MP's name],

No one should have to agree to a values test in order to be eligible for a government program. Many groups across Canada were refused a Canada Summer Jobs grant this summer because they couldn't agree to the new attestation of respect for certain rights and values.

I believe this attestation violates the fundamental freedoms of belief and expression that the *Charter* guarantees.

This troubling attestation must be changed for next year. There are several simple ways to fix it:

1. The government could remove the problematic attestation of respect for certain values and rights.
2. The government could instead ask organizations to attest that they comply with all the labour and human rights laws that apply to them.
3. The government could specify in the guidelines that the program will not fund summer student jobs that involve any political activity, rather than singling out specific rights and values.

Please let me know what steps you will take to protect freedom of conscience and freedom of expression.

Specifically, what will you do to bring about change to or removal of this troubling attestation for next year? How will you draw attention to this serious concern? Please raise this issue with your colleagues and with Minister Hajdu. We need you to be an advocate for our fundamental freedoms.

Sincerely,

[your name and address]