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## **Sample letter**

[date]

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

Dear [MP's name],

I remain very troubled by the change to the Canada Summer Jobs program that required organizations to attest to respect for certain rights and values in order to be eligible for a government grant.

I believe this requirement fails to respect freedom of belief and expression in Canada, and in fact violates these fundamental freedoms.

This policy must be changed. The simplest solution is for the government to remove the values test from the attestation. The government could instead ask organizations to attest that they comply with all the laws that apply to them. Another option would be for the government to change the guidelines to specify that the program will not fund summer student jobs that involve any political activity, rather than singling out specific rights and values.

As my elected representative, I ask you to 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 or removal of this policy next year? How will you draw attention to this serious concern? Please raise this issue with your colleagues and be an advocate for our fundamental freedoms.

Sincerely,

[your name and address]