

June 12, 2008

Mr. Marc Shwec  
President, Canadian Ukrainian Congress  
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Dear Mr. Shwec:

I am writing to express my support to the Canadian Ukrainian Congress that the Holodomar be taught to students enrolled in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade History course, "Genocide: Historical and Contemporary Implications".

We have a strong Ukrainian Canadian community in my riding of Etobicoke-Lakeshore, and as you know, I was very pleased to stand in the Ontario Legislature on May 8 to honour the victims of the Holodomar, and speak in support of Bill 61, An Act to Proclaim Holodomar Day. I expressed my strong desire that we do not forget that the extermination by hunger under the communist regime threatened the very survival of the Ukrainian nation.

The study of the tragedies of past and present genocidal acts must be addressed if we are to continue and ensure that such acts are never again repeated. Students should understand their responsibilities as global citizens to take action to ensure the protection of human rights. I will continue to encourage the teaching of the Holodomar within the grade 11 genocide course.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurel Broten MPP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laurel C. Broten, MPP  
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