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Department of Canadian Heritage

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Madam Minister:

Subject: Canadian Coronation Emblem Lapel Pins

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing on behalf of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada (UELAC) in response to the recent decision to end the procurement of the King Charles III's Coronation Pin in Canada. We feel that this decision is a disgrace for the Government of Canada, and we would like to express our concerns.

Primarily, it is important to note that there are many UELAC members who swear allegiance to the Crown before their UE certification is awarded. This demonstrates the deep-rooted connection and commitment that our members have to the monarch and the monarchy. By ending the procurement of the Coronation Pin in Canada, the government is severing an important link between our members and the monarchy, denying them the opportunity to proudly display their loyalty.

Furthermore, the UELAC has a long and rich history in Canada, having received its Canadian Federal Charter in 1914. Our association has played a significant role in preserving and promoting the heritage and history of the United Empire Loyalists in Canada. The decision to end the procurement of the Coronation Pin undermines the historical significance of our association and disregards the contributions of our members to this great nation.



Canada has a unique and special relationship with the monarchy, and the Coronation Pin is a symbol of that relationship. It embodies the proud history and shared values that our members hold dear. By denying Canadians the opportunity to obtain this pin, the government is disregarding the importance of our heritage and diluting the connections we have with the monarchy.

We implore the Canadian Heritage Minister to reconsider this decision and reinstate the procurement of the Coronation Pin in Canada. By doing so, the government will reaffirm its commitment to preserving our heritage, recognize the loyalty of UELAC members, and honor the historical significance of our association.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We trust that you will carefully consider our concerns and take appropriate action to rectify this situation. We look forward to a positive resolution that upholds the pride and heritage of Canada and its loyal citizens. We hope that pins will be made readily available for our 2700+ members of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

Sincerely,

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