

THE **UNDECIDED PARTY**

of Canada

All-Party MP Respect and Maturity Pledge Form

(Please read, sign, and return to constituent - You may wish to keep a copy for your records)

I, **PRINT NAME**, aware of the fact that regular –and longstanding– behaviour in the House of Commons has brought disrepute upon and been an embarrassment to the institution of Parliament, to the political parties involved, and to the nation of Canada as a whole, and cognizant that, given our minimum sessional salary of \$185,800.00, Canadians should be able to expect at least marginally adult behaviour from their MPs, pledge to conform to the following minimum standards of decorum and maturity for the duration of my tenure as a Member of Parliament.

If I fail to adhere to the conditions of this pledge, I then agree to renounce my right to the title of “Honourable” (or “Right Honourable”) and remove it from all correspondence and other identifying materials if I am so entitled, admit to and apologize for the transgression on the floor of the House of Commons–or to a national broadcast network– donate a portion of my annual salary equivalent to the time between the transgression and subsequent apology to a recognized charity (as I obviously don't deserve to be paid for such conduct), and wear a propeller beanie (in the colour of my choosing) for the entire duration of the next scheduled Question Period.

Agreeing to the conditions set out above, I pledge;

- That out of respect for the people who pay my minimum \$185,800.00 sessional salary and have every right to know what I am doing to earn it, I will respond to direct questions with direct answers (TO the questions asked), in the House and when addressed by the media.

- That I will refrain from making any accusations on the floor of the House of Commons about other Members that I am not willing to repeat outside its protection from libel and slander suits, because an unwillingness to repeat exactly the same words on the street is an admission of a lack of evidence and a badge of cowardice.

- Pursuant to the above, I also pledge that I will not publicly refer to other Members using such terms as (citing past examples), Whore, Crook, Satan, Hannibal Lecter, or similar epithets, unless I can substantiate the claim with documented evidence, or unless I preface my assessment with,
“Since I lack the intelligence or vocabulary to describe the Member as an adult would, ...”

- And finally, I pledge that when another Member of the House is speaking, even if that Member is from another party and I disagree with what is being said, I will sit still and, apart from quiet consultation with my neighbours, will **KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT** until the other Member has finished speaking, and will wait my turn before responding –and I will encourage those around me to do the same– because if six-year olds can be taught to wait their turns in kindergarten, I should be able to manage an equivalent level of maturity while representing my constituents and my country (for, as may have been mentioned, a minimum of \$185,800.00 per session). I will also practice this behaviour when engaged in public debate and while appearing on television or radio ‘political panels.’

Signed,
