



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-01137**

BY: **MR. VAN LOAN (YORK—SIMCOE)**

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PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **SEAN CASEY**

Response by the Minister of Canadian Heritage

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

Governor General's Medals of Honour

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

The Government would like to thank the petitioners for expressing their concerns regarding the creation of a commemorative medal to mark the 150th Anniversary of Confederation.

Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation is a unique opportunity to bring Canadians together and strengthen our connection to our communities by inspiring a vision of a vibrant, diverse and inclusive country.

Canada 150 celebrations will be rooted in community building, engagement and family celebrations from coast to coast to coast. These celebrations are for each and every Canadian. They are about connecting with each other.

The Government will mark the 150th anniversary of Confederation by inviting all Canadians to participate, celebrate and explore via the numerous initiatives in their communities.

The Government of Canada is providing funding for community-driven activities, pan Canadian Signature Projects, as well as major events. The Government is empowering and encouraging all Canadians to engage with their community and to make 2017 a year to remember. The Government want all Canadians to join in the celebrations.

The vision for the 150th anniversary of Confederation is intended to inspire Canadians and bring them together by highlighting the themes of diversity and inclusion, reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, young people and the environment.

The Government is proud to support and promote initiatives that will inspire a generation of Canadians to help build Canada's future and creating a lasting economic, cultural and social legacy for our country.