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Dear Mr. Yee:

Thank you for the copy of your September 22nd letter to the Prime Minister and the Minister of State for Multiculturalism.

The Liberal Party recognizes the great injustice endured by Chinese Canadians as a result of the immigration head tax and the Chinese Immigration Act of 1923. I can appreciate the frustration expressed by the Chinese Canadian National Council with respect to your repeated attempts over the past four years to have the Mulroney government address these regrettable actions in a meaningful manner.

As the next government of Canada, my colleagues and I will introduce a parliamentary resolution of apology to our fellow Canadians of Chinese decent and will initiate discussions with the Chinese Canadian community to resolve the matter of specific compensation.

Again, thank you for advising me of the Chinese Canadian National Council's ongoing efforts to settle this outstanding issue. I wish to assure you that a Liberal government will endeavour to close this painful chapter of our nation's history in a fair and appropriate fashion.

Sincerely,

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