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The Right Honourable Stephen Joseph Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister Harper;

It is with the utmost urgency that I am writing to you to request your attention in relation to the Robert Dziekanski case. I am sure that you are well aware by now of the circumstances surrounding the tragic and unnecessary death of the newly arrived Polish immigrant.

As the President of the Canadian Polish Congress, I would ask that the following be given the due consideration and attention.

Firstly, it is extremely important that an immediate moratorium be enacted on the use of tasers by any and all government agencies and law enforcement officers across Canada. Hopefully this moratorium will prevent another unnecessary death of an innocent individual, like that of Mr. Dziekanski.

Just as importantly, I would like your assurance that a complete and comprehensive criminal investigation take place, surrounding all events leading up to and including Mr. Dziekanski's death.

I also request that this investigation be completed as quickly as possible and the findings of this investigation be made public. To ensure that the bilateral relationship between Canada and Poland be maintained, all results, findings, and outcomes from this investigation be forwarded in a timely fashion to the Polish Foreign Minister.

It is also extremely important all immigration and airport security procedures be reviewed to guarantee that newly arrived individuals are provided with and have access to proper settlement and language services so that they are not detained or abandoned in a strange place for 10 hours as it was in the case of Mr. Dziekanski.

Finally, I would appreciate your assurance as Prime Minister of Canada that all findings from the inquest into the death of Mr. Robert Dziekanski be made public and furthermore that any and all necessary disciplinary action be taken as well as necessary measures employed so as to prevent a similar situation reoccurring.

I trust that you will take all of the above matters into consideration and give them the proper attention.

Sincerely,

Władysław Lizon
National President
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