

Open Letter to Mr. Peter Julian (Burnaby—New Westminster, NDP) and Hon. Peter MacKay (Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, CPC):

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Dear Sirs

After reading the dialogue from the House of Commons during the Oral Question period of April 23, 2007 I am once again impressed with the juvenile level of language used to discredit these very important issues. Without water human beings die. Canadians' water is on the line and Mr. Julian demanded to know what the government was doing to stop it; but I quote below the Hon. Peter Mackay:

"Mr. Speaker, there are so many factual mistakes in that question, I do not even know where to start.

There is absolutely no indication whatsoever that we will be giving anything away. These are discussions that we have from time to time, as all previous governments would, on such an important matter. He should put away his tinfoil hat and his discussions around black helicopters and get back to the facts."

I ask for an explanation from Mr. Mackay as to why Mr. Julian would be wearing a tinfoil hat during question period, is this the new attire for MP's? What purpose does it serve and is there a precedent for this type of apparel? I was under the impression that hats were not permitted during these procedures.

Second, perhaps Mr. Julian has asked the wrong question. Perhaps the question is not whether they are 'giving' away the water, but rather that they are willing to enter into the trade of our water. There is no price which could be considered acceptable to the people of Canada and that ought to be addressed. Why does he say, 'these are discussions that we have from time to time'? Why would we have discussion about water? Why is he attempting to diminish the importance of this issue? His tone is reminiscent of the 'don't worry your pretty little head about this, it's too complicated for you' attitude of decades past. This type of condescending language has no place in government and certainly not around an issue of this magnitude.

Third Mr. Mackay has declared that, 'there are so many factual mistakes in that question, I do not even know where to start'may I request that he find a place to start. He can begin in the middle and work his way in either direction as long as he covers the entire issue. What are the mistakes in the question?

The people of Canada are tiring very quickly of the double-speak and rude rhetoric being spun as an answer to direct questions. We have been told that there is no North American Union being planned (when it clearly is), that the Security and Prosperity Agreement is just an innocent trade deal (which it clearly is not), however Canadians are well aware that these deals are being made without our consent. It matters not if one is wearing a tinfoil hat, clown costume, digging ditches or living on a fixed income struggling to make ends meet, we all hear the same song! The nation is being sold, traded or given away and has been since the first Free Trade which we know was not fair!

It has not mattered whether the PM was Liberal or Conservative, the party doesn't matter, the agenda is the same. This is the reason that Mr. Emerson could so easily move into his role as a Conservative from the Liberal bench without missing a beat on the Security and Prosperity Agreement for Corporations. There is nothing in these agreements to benefit the people of these three nations; there is no security for us, no prosperity for us.