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Mr. Dhillon.

Now that the turban has officially become part of the RCMP uniform, I am quite sure that both you and the federal government would just love this whole issue to be forgotten. On the other hand there are very many Canadians, like myself, who would prefer to see this issue kept alive, in the news, and on everyone's mind, especially through the next election. I intend to do my small share to ensure that this does occur. It may take a very long time but eventually this country will elect an honest government and maybe even a Prime Minister with a sense of honor and tradition, and then perhaps this humiliating law can be rescinded.

In the meantime you have won your right to look like a clown in a police uniform, if that's what you want to do, but do you really think it is worth subjecting other Sikhs of all ages to years of anger and ridicule from pissed off Canadians? The right to boycott all enterprises owned or operated by Sikhs is still, I believe, a legal form of protest. Nor is there any law in our legal system to effectively prevent angered Canadians from responding to all Sikhs with only rudeness, four letter words, and one finger salutes. Do you understand why there are vehicles driving around in Canada that have mudflaps with your picture on them? It has nothing to do with racism. The ostracism of the Sikh community will not end until they finally realize that having the turban in the RCMP, against the wishes of the vast majority of Canadians, is simply not worth the boycotts, insults, and bad jokes.

Perhaps this old adage applies here.

"The Sons and Daughters will pay for the Sins of their Fathers".

R. Prevost.

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Calgary. Alberta.

You may or may not care to read the attached copy of my letter that was published, although somewhat edited, in the Calgary Sun in June, 91.

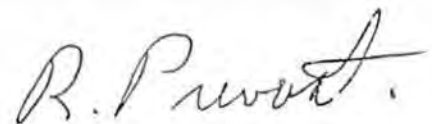
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The experts predicted this turban issue would only widen the gap between different races in Canada and they were correct. After many polls, protests and petitions the Sikhs knew perfectly well they were offending the vast majority of people in their host country, yet they pursued this issue through our non hearing government until they finally got their way. It's a slap in the face from both the Sikhs and the Tories and now I am being urged to simply "accept" this injury. Who is to judge what is or what is not an insult in any Canadian's mind? I feel the Sikhs have insulted me, my country, and our democratic system. Surely I must have the legal right to object and be heard, perhaps to boycott, or even to hurl back an insult when one has been tossed to me.

Our feeble government will pay for their sin at election time, but since the Sikhs have made this a religious issue they will be repaid according to a quotation from the Bible.

"Eye for Eye, Tooth for Tooth". Exodus. Chapter 21.  
As long as there are turbans in the R.C.M.P. I will take every legal opportunity to ensure that all Sikhs are repaid in kind for this insult they have heaped upon Canada.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. Prevost".

R. Prevost.

Mr. Harvey Andre.  
M.P. for Calgary Center.

If you Tories are still wondering why the polls indicate that your government's popularity is the lowest in history, I can easily explain one of the many reasons. Didn't you know that over 90% of Canadians polled were opposed to turbans in the RCMP? Most Canadians accept and live by the rules of democracy and we expect others to do the same, including the government and the Sikhs. Allowing religion to take precedence over the democratic will of the common people was surely not a very wise move. We now wonder, is Canada still a democracy or not?

For the sake of a few votes you have allowed a tiny, pushy, group of immigrants to rob Canadians of an important part of their heritage. You were warned this turban issue would cause a severe backlash aimed directly at the Sikh community and now it is happening. If the polls had indicated that even 51% of Canadians really wanted to see turbans in the RCMP, I am sure the rest of us could have made peace with this democratic decision. But that's not the way it happened, is it Harvey? In this case, unless the Sikhs agree to return to Canadians what has been forcibly and undemocratically taken from them, I strongly suspect that all Sikhs, regardless of sex or age, are probably in for a very long and extremely unpleasant ride.

R. Prevost.

Calgary. Alberta.

You may care to read the attached copy of my letter that was sent to our first Sikh member of the RCMP. Mr. Baltej Singh Dhillon.

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To whom it may concern.

As one of many Canadians who oppose turbans in the RCMP, I think now is the time for someone to say it like it really is. Most Canadians never did and still don't want your turban in their police force, nor do they want your armed children in their schools. And they certainly do not appreciate turbaned Sikhs sneaking into the Royal Canadian Legion and showing disrespect for Canadian war veterans. Have you no respect for anyone's traditions but your own? Never before in all my life, have I ever seen such an arrogant, pushy, demanding, group of immigrants as the Sikhs. Against the will of most Canadians you force your foreign, unwanted, symbols into our society, and then you wonder why you get no respect. Acceptance and respect from Canadians can only be earned, it will never be bought or legislated. The way most Canadians see it, you have only three options.

As a sign of good faith, you could have the hated turban withdrawn from the RCMP, you could then learn how to be Canadian, you would then be welcome in Canada, you would become prosperous, probably happy, and you would even have respect. You would also be encouraged to become part of what makes Canada a great country to live in.

Or, you can continue plodding along, as you are now, going against the grain, antagonizing Canadians, forcefully injecting even more of your unwanted culture into our society, and then screaming "Racism" when anyone objects. You may achieve your goals by this means, but I doubt it. If and when you ever do, your grandchildren will have grown old.

Your third option is very simple. You can pack your bags, cram as many Sikhs as you can into a huge aircraft, and fly off to any country that is willing to put up with your self centered and abrasive attitude.

R. Prevost.  
Calgary. Alta.

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Mr. Ram Raghbir Singh Chahal.  
President. World Sikh Organization.  
Canadian Branch.

Re: Turbans in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

You may care to read the attached copies of my protest letters  
that were recently sent to:

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To be sure, in my own mind, that I was doing the right thing,  
these letters were shown to over twenty randomly chosen Canadians,  
and after careful examination, all but one of these people understood  
and supported my protest. Although this poll was taken locally and  
involved only a small number of people, I believe these letters  
reflect the true feelings of the great majority of Canadians.

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