

As a Lost Canadian who was denied recognition of my citizenship for 11 years, I understand how it feels to be rejected by my own country. It took a judicial review that led to C-24 to finally correct a serious wrong. However, at the same time, C-24 opened up a Pandora's box with regard to Lost Canadian 2nd generation individuals.

I have been following the Senate committee proceedings and study of C-71. I support the enactment of this legislation and believe the application of the 1095 days is fair and equitable and the best solution to resolve the 2nd generation issue. Using that formula to create a substantial connection to Canada works. It even can be applied successfully to adopted children as the child would amass his or her own significant connection if brought back to Canada by the adopting parents. The adopted child would, therefore, not be penalized as a newborn but would be the same as a natural-born Canadian child with the same rights and privileges. I believe Senator Arnot does not fully comprehend the application of the 1095 days regarding adopted children.

I urge the government to quickly pass and adopt C-71. Take away the stigma of a Citizenship Act that is currently unconstitutional and not Charter compliant.

Respectfully submitted,

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