



July 20, 2006

Honourable Bev Oda  
Minister of Canadian Heritage  
Government of Canada

Dear Minister Oda:

I am writing you on behalf of the Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA) to inform you of a motion passed at the ACA Annual General Meeting on July 1, 2006. Established in 1975, the ACA is a national professional association representing English-speaking archivists in Canada. With headquarters in Ottawa, the ACA's mandate is to provide the archival profession leadership and to facilitate an understanding and appreciation of archival heritage across the country.

At the AGM, the members passed the following motion:

“The Portrait Gallery of Canada is a major national historical and archival project of the Library and Archives Canada. The Gallery will enable Canadians to access their archival heritage and shared history through the images of people from all backgrounds, walks of life and parts of Canada who have built our country. The Association of Canadian Archivists urges the Government of Canada to end uncertainty about the future of The Portrait Gallery by ensuring that it is completed and opened without delay.”

We hope you agree with this view and will direct your effort to ensure this important archival project receives the support and funding it needs to become a reality.

Best Regards,



Scott Goodine  
President  
Association of Canadian Archivists