



Dear Friends,

The Conservative Government of Prime Minister Stephen Harper knows that the most important bridge between Canada and Croatia is our strong and vibrant **Croatian Canadian community**. As such, the Conservative Government has listened to the concerns and goals of our community and in a two year period has taken real action to eliminate barriers, promote understanding and open doors:

- The Conservative Government **removed the visa requirement for Croatian citizens traveling to Canada**. The Conservative Government heard the voices of over 6000 Croatian Canadians who signed the grassroots 'signatures in support' petition for lifting the visitor visa requirement.
- At the request of **Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Michaëlle Jean, then Governor General of Canada, made a State visit to Croatia**. Her visit included a wreath-laying ceremony at a monument in **Vukovar, Croatia** dedicated to all those who lost their lives while defending Croatia's freedom.
- **Prime Minister Stephen Harper made an Official Visit to Croatia**. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed that will allow **Canadian and Croatian youth to travel and work in each other's countries for up to one year**. In addition, many discussions were held to increase trade and investment between Canada and Croatia.

As a Canadian of Croatian origin, I am honoured to have been a part of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's team that has **delivered more in a short two year period to our Croatian Canadian community than any previous government**. I am proud that Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative Government was **the first Canadian government in history to appoint a person of Croatian origin to the Canadian cabinet**, when he appointed me Minister of State (Western Economic Diversification). In the past, other parties have taken our vote for granted and failed to deliver anything to our community. **To ensure that the voices of our Croatian Canadian community continue to be heard in the future, we must vote Conservative on May 2nd**.

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Thank you,

Lynne Yelich (nee Zdunich) a proud third generation Canadian of Croatian origin.



Photo: (L-R: Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, Cardinal Bozanić, Hon. Lynne Yelich - Conservative Cabinet Minister – first Cabinet Minister of Croatian origin, Msgr. Ivan Vukšić) Taken: May, 8th, 2010



Poštovani,

Konzervativna Vlada premijera Stephena Harpera svjesna je činjenice da je **najvažnija veza između Kanade i Hrvatske čvrsta i snažna Hrvatsko Kanadska zajednica**. Konzervativna Vlada je osjećajući potrebe i ciljeve zajednice, poduzela sve mjere za uklanjanje prepreka, promičući razumijevanje i suradnju.

- **Konzervativna Vlada ukinula je vize** za putovanje hrvatskih državljana u Kanadu. Konzervativna Vlada čula je glas preko 6000 građana Kanade hrvatskog podrijetla (koji su potpisali peticiju) za ukidanje viza, i učinila je to.
- **Na zahtjev premijera Stephena Harpera, Michaëlle Jean, tadašnja Glavna Guvernerka Kanade bila je u službenom posjetu Republici Hrvatskoj.** Njezin posjet uključio je i polaganje vijenca u Vukovaru na spomen svima koji su dali svoje živote za slobodu Hrvatske.
- **Premijer Stephen Harper bio je u državnom posjetu Republici Hrvatskoj.** Za vrijeme posjeta potpisan je **memorandum između Kanade i Hrvatske o budućem slobodnom putovanju, boravku i radu mladeži** u zemljama potpisnicama, u trajanju do godine dana. Pored toga u pregovorima je istaknut zajednički cilj stvaranja pretpostavaka za povećanje razvoja trgovine i investicija između Kanade i Hrvatske.

Kao Kanađanki hrvatskog podrijetla, bila mi je čast biti dio tima premijera Stephena Harpera, **koji je za Hrvatsko Kanadsku zajednicu u kratkom periodu od dvije godine učinio više nego li sve dosadašnje Vlade zajedno**. Ponosna sam na to što je Konzervativna Vlada premijera Stephena Harpera **bila prva kanadska Vlada koja je ikada imenovala osobu hrvatskog podrijetla u kanadski kabinet**. Bila sam imenovana na položaj u Državnom ministarstvu (Western Economic Diversification). U prošlosti su druge stranke dobivale naše glasove, a nikada nisu za uzvrat doprinijeli ništa za našu zajednicu. **Kako bi bili sigurni da će se i nadalje čuti glas Hrvatsko Kanadske zajednice, 2. svibnja moramo glasati za Konzervativnu stranku.**

Ako želite saznati više o Vašim lokalnim kandidatima Konzervativne stranke, volontirati za Konzervativnu stranku ili učiniti donaciju, molim posjetite sljedeći link www.conservative.ca ili nazovite na besplatni broj 1 866 808 8407.

Hvala Lijepo,

Lynne Yelich (rođena Zdunich) ponosna treća generacija Kanađana hrvatskog podrijetla



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