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Dear Ms. Anwar:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide Manitoba's position on Bill C-53, An Act to assent to the alterations in the law touching the Succession to the Throne. Notice of the invitation to provide a submission was received by my office late on Friday, March 1, 2013, with a deadline of March 6, 2013.

Manitoba does not have any opposition to the substantive changes contained in Bill C-53. We note that Bill C-53 appears to follow the changes contained in legislation in the United Kingdom, and that similar changes are being pursued in all other countries where Queen Elizabeth is currently the monarch.

We do however note with concern that very little time has been allowed for Manitoba and the other provinces and territories to consider and comment on this issue. In our view, alterations to the constitutional and legal framework of our nation require consultation with and participation by provinces and territories that is timely and meaningful. Our response in this matter is not in any way a precedent for the process to be followed should other such circumstances arise in the future.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Swan".

Andrew Swan