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Letter from the President

As a first-generation Chinese immigrant, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities my country Canada has provided, and I am immensely proud to call London home. It saddens me that Anti-Chinese and Anti-Asian racism has been on the rise since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am writing today to specifically condemn the rise of anti-Asian hate crimes here in London and Abroad. It has come to my attention that a particular restaurant/bar establishment in London has resorted to using racist terms against East-Asians including referring COVID-19 as the "China Virus" on their signs. These ignorant actions are unacceptable and have no place in our city or country. Make no mistake, this is discrimination.

Racism and discrimination of any kind is harmful and has serious negative impacts on the mental health and sense of belonging felt by our community. I believe it is important for our government leadership to denounce these discriminatory actions publicly, and our media to continue reporting on these injustices to raise awareness.

Lastly, I urge my fellow Londoners and everyone across Canada to reject Anti-Asian bigotry and bigotry in all its forms.

We are better than this.

Xin Sun

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