

# An Open Letter to Saskatoon's Federal MPs

December 10: International Human Rights Day

Hon. Kelly Block  
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Hon. Maurice Vellacott  
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Hon. Brad Trost  
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## Dear Members of Parliament:

On the International Human Rights Day, we, the undersigned, urge the Canadian government to lift the sanctions against Mr. Absoufian Abdelrazik – sanctions that have been imposed as a result of his name appearing on the UN 1267 List.

Mr. Abdelrazik, a Canadian citizen, has never been charged with any crime. Yet your government continues to uphold the sanctions against him. His assets are frozen and he is not allowed to receive any financial aid including gifts, loans or even a salary. The restrictions are indefinite.

Individuals on the 1267 list have no right to a hearing. This is a serious violation of the Mr. Abdelrazik's rights under the Canadian Charter and international law.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights – which we celebrate today – states:  
*Everyone has the right to a fair hearing – and an effective remedy . . .for acts that violate his or her fundamental human rights.*

Why has Mr. Abdelrazik been denied these fundamental human rights?

In last year's federal court ruling, Justice Zinn stated: "He [Mr. Abdelrazik] is as much a victim of international terrorism as the innocent persons whose lives have been taken by recent barbaric acts of terrorists."

The federal government's treatment of Mr. Abdelrazik is an affront to thousands of Canadians.

In the name of justice, lift the sanctions against Mr. Abdelrazik so he may once again enjoy the same rights as other Canadian citizens.

Sincerely,

