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I would like to submit my input to address the historical wrongs towards Chinese Canadians. As a Chinese Canadian, I still feel the subtle discrimination in my daily live whether it is at work or in school.

They are not visible but the glass ceiling is there with respect to equal employment opportunity and recognition as a fully participating Canadian. For some reason, I feel that it is very important to use this opportunity to address the historical unjust imposed on Chinese Canadians. The damage from the past injustice is still haunting the younger Chinese generation. As a Canadian, regardless of the race, every one should be treated with respect and dignity. We live in Canada and work hard. We should remind all Canadian that the Chinese Canadian is a part of Canada and we are not just immigrants with no voice and no representation. It is important to let Canadians know we are not second class people where everyone can point a figure at us when they feel like it. We live in a democratic country and we should be free from discrimination.

With respect to the questions being asked in the enbraceBC website such as what the apology should say, here is my suggestion: "The apology to the Chinese Canadian is long overdue going back from the extreme racist legislations passed to restrict the Chinese coming to Canada and the Chinese Head Tax. Although we should move forward, we must here issue an formal apology to the Chinese Canadians who suffered emotional, physically and mentally as a result of the harsh discriminatory legislations. The Premier, Christy Clark, must clearly indicate that this kind of unjust treatment of Chinese Canadian will not happen again in Canada. It is important the Chinese Canadian 's contribution and historical wrongs be incorporated in the school text books. The apology should be made by the Premier who represents the province of BC.

A new law should be passed to fine and imprison those who encourage and spread racism towards Chinese Canadians like the one happened in the lady's washroom in Metrotown. It is important to address and follow up the serious racism slogan such as "Kill all Chinese" as written on the wall of the lady washroom in Metro Town. The Canadian law is too loose to punish the ones who spread and encourage racism in Canada.

A legacy such as a plague should be erected beside the Trade and Convention Centre waterfront to memorize the Chinese railway workers who sacrificed their lives. We still have a lot of work to do with respect racism in Canada. Hope Minister Wat and Premier Clark will work together to stop racism in BC and Canada.

thanks for considering my input and look forward to hearing from you

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