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From: Haruko Okano [REDACTED]  
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To whom it may concern:

I understand from reading in the newspaper that the provincial government intends only to give a verbal apology for this injustice perpetrated on the Chinese Community. The logic cited is that the Federal Government had already compensated those affected by the racist political policies that hurt so many Chinese who helped to build this country especially in connecting BC to the rest of Canada through their sweat and tears building the railway.

Lip service is easy and without action means nothing and is an insult to the Chinese Community when it was especially the BC government that determined BC would become an all white province. It is time the provincial government put concrete effort through affirmative action behind their verbal apology and move to make sure that no provincial, municipal government ever do this again to any Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.

Individual and community monetary redress is necessary along with other compensation for justice to be served.

Sincerely,  
Haruko Okano