

## **Quebec's language law has no other purpose than to assert French supremacy: AQ President William Johnson**

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**Montreal, Wednesday, August 11, 1999** – The plight of Marlene Baird, who has chosen to sell her Campbell's Bay diner rather than submit to further harassment from the language police, brings out how odious is Quebec's language law, which requires that commercial signs be twice as prominent in French as in all other languages combined.

"This is not about linguistic justice or about respect for Quebec's French-speaking majority," comments William Johnson, president of Alliance Quebec. "The law has no other purpose than to assert French supremacy, French hegemony, the imperial dominance of French over all other languages. The law requires that all other languages be placed on their knees before French."

Understandably, people in Shawville want an exception for themselves from the oppressiveness of the language law. They also have the support of Outaouais Alliance and of the member of the National Assembly for Pontiac, Robert Middlemiss.

Alliance Quebec has no objection to the excesses of the language law being alleviated for Shawville. But that would not, of course, resolve the fundamental problem: the language sign law is bad for everyone in all parts of Quebec.

Let the law require French, but allow other languages to be equal in Shawville, in the Pontiac, in the entire Outaouais, on the island of Montreal, in the Eastern Townships, in Blanc Sablon and the Lower North Shore. Let the odious supremacist law be amended for everyone.