

Alliance Quebec demands a future for English-speaking Quebecers

Montreal, Wednesday, March 14, 2001 – Alliance Quebec President Anthony Housefather will present a brief to the Estates General on the status and the future of the French Language:

**Thursday, March 15 at 9:00 a.m.
The Marche Bonsecours
350 St. Paul St. W.
Salle de Balle.**

In his presentation Housefather will discuss the following issues of concern to all Quebecers

- Employment equity and youth development
- Access to English language health and social services.
- Municipal mergers and their impact on acquired rights and bilingual status.
- Access to English language education.

“The introduction of the Charter of the French Language some thirty years ago has gone a long way to promoting, preserving and enhancing the French-language,” said Alliance Quebec President Anthony Housefather. “It is imperative that the government find a balance between the legitimate interests of promoting French and the needs of Quebec’s English speaking community.”

”We are challenging the government to focus on positive measures to ensure that all Quebecers are provided with every opportunity to prosper economically in a rapidly growing global economy,” said Housefather. “Our brief stresses the importance of balancing the needs of both the English- and French-speaking communities to ensure a viable and vibrant future for all Quebecers.”