

## press releases

### **Alliance Quebec queries quibblers from the Office de la langue française**

Alliance Quebec invited the media to Mr. Nelruckers Diner to learn about the punctilious punctuation policies of the *Office de la langue française*. Reporters also learned of the assault of the awful air conditioning sign, the naughty newsletter's blatant bilingualism and other inspiring indications of our Quebec tax dollars at work.

The diner's owners were told by government officials that they had to move the period after Mr. to a point between the M and the r. The Westmount Bead Emporium was threatened with court action after a language bureaucrat found a sign over a plug in the wall behind a chair which told staff not to pull out the air conditioner plug. And Alliance Quebec knows of at least one bilingual community newspaper which has been harassed into becoming an English-only publication by the *Office de la langue française*.

Alliance Quebec regrets that the Quebec government has chosen to attack so many small businesses at a time when the Montreal economy is doing so poorly and to exacerbate linguistic tensions when so much effort is being exerted to draw communities together.

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