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Dear Municipal Colleague,

I am writing to seek your assistance in establishing a greater sense of solidarity among Quebec's English-speaking elected officials. We number in the several hundreds on the island of Montreal and in bilingual towns across the province. As a councillor in Kamouraska, I believe there may be many Anglophones serving in Francophone communities as well.

Until now, there has not been an effort to reach out to Anglophone and Allophone municipal councillors. But in the wake of the passage of Bill 96, we believe it would be useful to develop a roster or network of municipal officials, who would work with established organizations like the UMQ and:

- share **best practices** in working with the Quebec government;
- assist in **improving services in the French language**; and
- ensure conformity in the drafting of resolutions to **maintain bilingual status**.

The genesis of this initiative came from discussions the Task Force on Linguistic Policy (TFLP) held earlier this year with elected officials from across Quebec. In light of the changes proposed in Bill 96, it became clear there would be a need to support affected communities. As a grassroots organization with members across Quebec, the TFLP is well placed to undertake this effort to develop a roster and encourage communications.

I want to emphasize this initiative is being proposed with the utmost sincerity and prudence. As a non-partisan organization, our objective is to ensure we all work for the betterment of our communities and their citizens. Aside from a love of Quebec and our use of the English language, I know we share the same values of service and sacrifice.

All we require is your name, your community, your e-mail and phone number sent to info@protegermesdroits.ca. If you would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,



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