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Border advisory

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(4, Tiothohrhkó:wa/January 2005) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) wishes to advise the community that Kahnawá'kehró:non traveling into the United States claiming Native citizenship may be asked to provide documentation attesting to their "blood quantum."

The United States government accepts a 50% or more blood quantum as a basis for Native citizenship if you are a "Canadian-born" Native. To our knowledge, U.S. Immigration staff in this region rarely asks for this type of documentation; however, this has not been the case in other areas.

During the holiday a Kahnawá:ke couple was prevented from entering the United States via the airport in Toronto. They were allowed entry only after the MCK provided a letter attesting to their blood quantum.

Such letters can be provided to eligible community members. For further information please call the MCK Membership Department at 450-638-0500.

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