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Facts on Border Crossing

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(Kahnawá:ke 9, Enníska/February 2006) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) would like to clarify some recent erroneous statements regarding the border crossing issue. It's been stated publicly that the MCK is responsible for imposing the 50 percent blood quantum criteria for Mohawks entering the United States. In fact, the 50 percent criteria is a U.S. law, section 289 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, originally passed on April 2, 1928.

"The problems that some Kahnawakehró:non encounter when crossing into the U.S. is a continuing issue and seems to be occurring more frequently. The MCK has been working with U.S. officials on finding a solution that would help solve this problem," said border crossing portfolio Chief Mike Bush.

Once again, the MCK recommends all Kahnawakeró:non to have the proper documentation when traveling into the United States. Make sure to have your band card, drivers license, Medicare card or birth certificate, as well as your letter from the Kahnawá:ke Membership Department proving your blood quantum.

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