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MCK protests comments in House of Commons debate

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(Kahnawá:ke – 28, Seskehkó:wa/September 2005) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) is upset with comments made in the House of Commons on Monday (26, Seskehkó:wa/September) by Keith Martin (L), the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defense, essentially alleging that Kahnawá:ke and Kanesatake are havens for crime.

The MCK has sent a letter protesting the comments and asking for a retraction to set the record straight: Kahnawá:ke is not open for criminals. Further, the letter clarifies Kahnawá:ke's difficulties in dealing with Canada's ineffective delivery system of Federal tobacco permits.

"I also wish to state that I'm tired of the government always assuming that Kahnawá:ke is one and the same as other communities, Mohawk or otherwise," said Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle, Jr., "and, as the letter states, I strongly suggest that Mr. Martin and his colleagues speak to us directly. Our doors are open to meet at any time."

Mr. Martin's comments, and those immediately afterward by Réal Ménard of the Bloc Québécois, are available for viewing on the Government of Canada website.

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