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MP Sahota Applauds Bill C-6, Receives Royal Assent

19/06/2017– Ottawa, Ontario – Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, praises Bill C-6, an Act amending the Citizenship Act, which has now become law in Canada. This Bill repeals the barriers to citizenship that the previous Conservative Government put in place, and eliminates discriminatory two-tiered citizenship.

“The passing of this bill into law represents an important promise kept by our government. I’m proud to have voted in favour of Bill C-6: It shows our Government’s commitment to streamline the citizenship process and enhance the integrity of the programme,” said MP Ruby Sahota.

Our Government knows that one of the strongest pillars for successful integration into Canadian life is attaining Canadian citizenship. Bill C-6 reduces the time immigrants must be in Canada before being eligible for citizenship to 3 out of 5 years prior to applying. It also reduces the age range in which applicants must demonstrate knowledge of Canada and one of its official languages from 14-64 to 18-54.

As promised, Bill C-6 repeals the unfair provisions of the Citizenship Act. As of today, applicants will not be required to intend to continue to reside in Canada after becoming citizens, which provides more flexibility to Canadians who live outside of Canada for professional or personal reasons. We are also immediately repealing provisions that allow the revocation of citizenship from dual citizens convicted of crimes against the national interest. Dual citizens living in Canada will face the same justice system as all citizens who break the law.

MP Sahota remarks, “As the Prime Minister has stated time and time again, a Canadian is a Canadian is a Canadian.”

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