

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

BETWEEN:

**Amelia Penney-Crocker, Parker Boot-Quackenbush, Khadijat Folasayo Dairo,
Catherine He, Tharan D'Silva, Katie Yu, Diego Christiansen-Barker, Lachlan
Brown, Zoey Ann Purves, Jacob Colatosti, Milan Rozotto-Lagos, Oswaldo Paz
Flores, Lauren Handley and Justice for Children and Youth**

Applicants

and

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN RIGHT OF CANADA

Respondent

AFFIDAVIT OF KHADIJAT FOLASAYO DAIRO

I, KHADIJAT FOLASAYO DAIRO, of the City of Fort McMurray, in the Province of Alberta, student MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am currently 15 years old and am in grade 10 at Westwood High School in Fort McMurray, Alberta. I prepared this affidavit in support of an application to challenge the voting age in the Canada Elections Act and to tell the Court why I think the voting age should be lower to allow me to vote.
2. I am a Canadian citizen born in Nigeria. I moved to Canada and first lived in British Columbia before I went to school. I have lived in Saskatoon and Estevan in Saskatchewan as well. I now live with my mother, father, brother and two sisters in Fort

McMurray, Alberta. I got involved in students council when I was in grade 8 in Saskatoon where I helped to organize student events and fundraisers such as a Walk for Water. My first experience voting was for the student council when I moved to Fort McMurray during my grade 8 year.

3. Young people have a lot to say, and our voices need to be heard. We should be able to take our futures into our own hands and lowering the voting age can help with that. I am passionate about climate change, human rights and improving social services. Young people want a say in the issues that are paving the future for us all which is why I believe we deserve the right to vote.
4. My involvement in my community reflects my interest in advocacy. I have signed up to be part of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and participate in Plan Canada's Speakers Bureau. At the Speakers Bureau, I have been exposed to a variety of global issues and improved my advocacy skills. The right to vote would allow me to turn my passion for advocacy into real results.
5. As a young person, I am thinking about how public policy today will impact our climate's future. I want to be able to hold politicians accountable and make sure they are keeping the interests of their youth constituents in mind. Without the right to vote, young people have no influence on the chances of someone running for office to get elected, which means the interests of young people are not represented.
6. I am also interested in business. This past year I participated in a marketing business case competition where we had to rebrand a well-known corporation. As a young person interested in business, I believe that youth should be able to vote so they can communicate their business preferences.

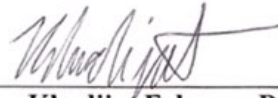
7. Despite my desire to vote to impact political issues I am passionate about, my interests are not represented in government. As a religious minority, I feel the government needs to take religious discrimination more seriously. Even though the Charter of Rights and Freedoms exists, people get discriminated against just walking down the street but there are no consequences. Without the right to vote, I have no way of making sure politicians pass laws that address this issue.

SWORN REMOTELY BY Khadijat Folasayo Dairo at the City of Fort McMurray, in the Province of Alberta before me at the Town of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario on the 27th of November, 2021, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20, Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely.



Commissioner for Taking Affidavits

Emily Chan
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Khadijat Folasayo Dairo