

## Suggested Messages for Senators Regarding Bill C-262

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Friends!

**Bill C-262** is an act asking “... *the Government of Canada to take all measures necessary to ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.*”

Because of the amazing grassroots advocacy of Indigenous peoples, churches and social justice organizations, Bill C-262 has passed 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the House of Commons and is **now up for debate in the Senate.**

Below are some ***suggested messages*** for handwritten postcards urging Senators to support Bill C-262. Pick one that resonates, or feel free to craft your own. Use language that is positive and respectful, as it will garner more ears to hear.

- Bill C-262 can change Canada’s future and move us toward respectful relations with Indigenous nations. I urge you to support Bill C-262, “An Act to ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”
- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has stated that the adoption of UNDRIP is foundational to any genuine reconciliation in Canada. Bill C-262 can make that happen. Please support this “Act to ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”
- I pray for the federal government, as I pray for myself: that we would have the courage to seek justice and do the hard work required to repair the damage of colonialism. Please support Bill C-262, “An Act to ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”
- Over 370 million Indigenous peoples worldwide support the protection of their basic rights as peoples and individuals. We don’t need more consultation. We need to legislatively adopt the UNDRIP. Support Bill C-262, “An Act to ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”
- Colonial laws and structures continue to oppress Indigenous peoples daily in our country. Please support Bill C-262, “An Act to ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”



Read the complete text of **Bill C-262**  
at <https://goo.gl/mWTFLh>

For more info about the  
**UN Declaration** and **C-262** see  
[www.declarationcoalition.com](http://www.declarationcoalition.com)

## Tips for Organizing a Postcard Event at Your Church or Community Org

- Read Bill C-262 so you know what you are asking your community to engage: see [goo.gl/mWTFHh](http://goo.gl/mWTFHh)
- Ask leadership (or whoever needs to be asked) if it works to have a postcard event in your church or org space. You'll get more traction if you follow protocol and have their support.
- Pick a space and time that works well. Coffee break in the work lunch room? After the church service in the foyer?
- Have a table for people to write on.
- Print off multiple copies of the "SUGGESTED MESSAGES" sheet... one sheet won't be enough.
- Have lots of pens on hand.
- Have a box for finished postcards – better chance they'll get mailed if you collect them all. (Reminder that postage to our Senators is free).
- Note that each batch of 95 postcards contains 1 postcard addressed to each of the 95 Senators that are currently serving in the Upper House.
- Additional postcards can be obtained at *CommonWord* – [www.commonword.ca/go/1283](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1283). (Postcards are free, but we ask that you pay for the mailing).

