

All Canadians should be outraged today...the decision made by Shirish Chotalia, Chair of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal to dismiss the case impacts on the *rights* of all Canadians. In a statement made by David Langtry, Acting Chief Commissioner, Canadian Human Rights Commission on February, 28, 2011, he said this case could have an important impact on the scope of the *Canadian Human Rights Act* and the protections Canadians enjoy in law. Denying the *right to protection* to First Nations children under the law is unacceptable and is a humanitarian concern for all Canadians. Dismissing this case on a legal technicality where the provision of funding to First Nations family service organizations is deemed not to be a 'service,' means that Canadians may no longer be able to file discrimination complaints in relation to services provided by the Federal Government. Dismissing this case means that legalized racial discrimination is o.k. in this country! We ought to speak out now against this decision made by Chair Shirish Chotalia as we Canadians, do not support inequality based on racial discrimination in Canada. We join our 'voices' with that of the First Nations Child & Caring Society of Canada and the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs, in appealing the decision made by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. First Nations children cannot be treated as 'second class' and this appeal needs to go forth. One obstacle after another has been placed in the path of this complaint going forward but we want you to know Dr. Blackstock, we are here waiting and watching for the truth to come out. You have a country full of supporters, from one coast to the other. We walk the path towards justice together and will keep walking until we reach our destination of equality for First Nations children.