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MP Bevington gets results for Fort Smith doctor

Fort Smith, NT, November 22, 2006 – After a lengthy three-year process, Fort Smith Doctor Mahmud Sultan has finally obtained Canadian Citizenship after seeking assistance from Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington’s Constituency Office.

“I’m very grateful,” said Dr. Sultan, who has been practicing medicine in Fort Smith since 2002. “This process is only supposed to take eight to 10 months. I almost gave up. But then I contacted the MP’s office. He met with me a week later, and not long after that I was finally able to write the Citizenship test in Edmonton.”

Obtaining Citizenship status can sometimes be a complicated process. In Dr. Sultan’s case, his first application was inadvertently sent to the wrong jurisdiction. Because so much time had elapsed, he was told that his paperwork had expired and he would have to start the process over again from scratch. Assistance provided by Bevington and his Yellowknife staff ensured that didn’t happen.

“Dr. Sultan has provided an invaluable service to the residents of Fort Smith. Although my Constituency staff deal with a high volume of casework, they are always eager to assist with Citizenship and Immigration issues. It’s really great to see some positive results,” said Bevington.

Now that he is a Canadian citizen, Dr. Sultan can renew his Libyan passport. “I am finally able to visit my parents, whom I haven’t seen for many years. I’m so very grateful to Mr. Bevington. God knows how long it would have taken without his help.”

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