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MCK issues open letter on *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* dialogue

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(Kahnawake – 27 Kentenhkó:wa/November 2026) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke Ratitsénhaienhs have issued an open letter to Kahnawa'kehró:non regarding ongoing concerns and community dialogue surrounding the *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* ("the Law").

The Ratitsénhaienhs express acknowledgement of varying perspectives and personal impacts it has had on Kahnawa'kehró:non and reaffirm their commitment to ongoing dialogue with community members and exploring potential solutions.

The letter also emphasizes that the Law was developed through a community process and that any consideration of changes must respect the Community Decision Making and Review Process.

"We're asking for more respectful dialogue and an end to personal attacks and lateral violence," said Ohén:ton Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo. "Additionally, we're hopeful to have greater cooperation among community leadership, including the traditional bodies, in finding a path forward that protects Kahnawà:ke while recognizing the realities faced by community members and their families."

The open letter can be accessed at: https://kahnawake.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/2026-11-27-DOC-Open-Letter-to-Community-Residency.pdf.

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