

MP TO PRESENT LOCAL STUDENTS' BILL IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
National plan for recycling electronics is the winning idea in high school contest



(Create Your Canada 2012 winners Wilson Wu and Kaitlyn Fung in the House of Commons chamber with Don Davies, MP (Vancouver Kingsway))

VANCOUVER – Two Lower Mainland students are in Ottawa watching from the Parliamentary Gallery this morning while Don Davies, MP (Vancouver Kingsway) introduces a very special private member's bill in Parliament: An Act to Amend Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (electronic products recycling program).

The Bill was crafted out of the winning idea from the students who entered Davies' online contest, 'Create Your Canada'.

The aim of the contest, which has garnered interest from educators across the country, is to encourage students to take an interest in how Canada is governed.

"Listening to Canadian youth about their concerns for our country is really important," said Davies. "Parliament is well-served by these proposals and I am proud to bring the voice of youth into our debates."

The prize is a trip to Ottawa where Davies introduces their bill, escorts the students around Parliament, tours them through the House of Commons Chamber and the Library of Parliament and brings them to an actual Caucus meeting.

The winners are Kaitlyn Fung and Wilson Wu. Both attend grade 12 at Windermere Secondary School. Kaitlyn and Wilson jointly submitted an idea to create a national program to recycle electronics that contain toxic materials, such as cadmium, mercury and lead.

"We're really excited to be in Ottawa to see our idea come to life," said Kaitlyn. "We want Canada to develop a real plan for electronics recycling," said Wilson.

This is a great way for youth to share their vision for our country," said Davies. "I think it's also a fun and engaging introduction to Parliament and the legislative process."

The costs of this program are paid entirely by Davies.