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Islamophobia Legal Assistance Hotline  
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Dear Colleagues:

Re: Statement of Support

On behalf of the South Asian Legal Clinic of British Columbia ("SALCBC"), please accept this letter of support to the Islamophobia Legal Assistance Hotline ("ILAH"). SALCBC was established by a group of South Asian professionals in British Columbia who witnessed first-hand the gaps in access to justice for South Asian people, including many who identify or are perceived as Muslim, in the province. We recognize the importance of delivering culturally sensitive and appropriate legal advice and information to those who face barriers in accessing legal services and navigating the justice system. We currently offer services in English, Hindi, Punjabi, and Urdu, in the areas of immigration status, child protection and custody, separation and divorce, domestic violence, sexual assault, racial discrimination and profiling, economic justice for workers, elder abuse, mental health, and wills and estates.

As an organization committed to working in and with racialized communities, SALCBC recognizes that Muslims and those perceived to be Muslim face unique forms of discrimination and violence due to their faith and/or racial backgrounds. We commend ILAH for their work and support their call to hold perpetrators of such conduct to account. Statistics indicate that hate crimes are rising in Canada, including anti-Muslim hate crimes. The horrific targeted murder of a Muslim family in London, Ontario earlier this month highlights the urgent need to address Islamophobia in a comprehensive manner at all levels of government, and SALCBC stands in solidarity with ILAH and other organizations that are actively working to combat Islamophobia, racism, and xenophobia. We encourage any British Columbian who has experienced or witnessed Islamophobia to reach out to ILAH for assistance and information.

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