



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CANADIAN MUSLIMS

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Mme. Françoise David
Hôtel du Parlement
1045, rue des Parlementaires
RC, Bureau RC.119
Québec (Quebec) G1A 1A4
VIA EMAIL & FAX

Re: Québec Solidaire's call to reject Islamophobic rhetoric

Dear Mme. David,

On behalf of the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM), a prominent Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization, I write to thank you and Québec Solidaire for your principled position in publicly condemning Islamophobia and the recent acts of hatred and violence towards Quebec Muslims.

At a time where we have witnessed a rise in hate crimes targeting Canadian Muslims and anti-Muslim hate incidents, the Quebec National Assembly's adoption of your motion rejecting Islamophobia and the politics of fear was inspiring and commendable.

Quebec's Muslims, like their fellow citizens, are an integral part of the multicultural mosaic of our Canadian landscape and contribute daily towards making the province a better place. Islamophobia and anti-Muslim harassment, like anti-Semitism and other forms of racism and hatred, must be challenged and rejected in all its forms. Your call and appeal that our communities should continuously aspire to reflect values of respect, cohesion, and equity is one that resonates with all of us.

We are confident that Quebecers and their fellow Canadians will consistently reject the politics of division and focus on the issues that matter to their communities.

Thank you again for your principled stand.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Phillippe Couillard, Premier ministre du Québec
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