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Dear respected brothers and sisters
Assalamu Alaikum

Today on behalf of the Canadian Council of Imams, we request you to provide a portion of the zakat you collect in Ramadhan to the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM). All donations to the NCCM are [Zakat eligible](#) under the category of Fi Sabilillah as attested to by the Canadian Council of Imams as well as several prominent scholars.

The NCCM has been on the frontlines defending human rights and civil liberties, advocating on behalf of Muslims across Canada, and working in strong partnership with our many allies. From challenging discriminatory laws, to offering support to victims of hate crimes, and running educational workshops on Islamophobia, the NCCM team works tirelessly to ensure that our communities are safe and empowered.

That includes NCCM fighting against Bill 21, including at the Supreme Court of Canada. This Bill means that for our sisters in Quebec, they cannot choose to wear the hijab and become a teacher or a prosecutor. This fight is not cheap. As Muslim institutions, we need to make sure that NCCM can continue to fight this behalf for our community.

NCCM has been working as well with organizations like CCI to ensure that the charitable sector is supported – to make sure that our masajid stay open during this COVID-19 crisis. The first ask that NCCM and CCI made – namely, that a wage subsidy be offered to the charitable sector – has been met. This means that for your masajid, it is easier for masajid to stay open and for imams to stay on.

Please let us know if your institution can help support the NCCM in its work on behalf of our communities. The NCCM is available to you by phone in case you have any questions or wish to discuss further. You can contact NCCM's Chief Executive Officer, Mustafa Farooq at mfarooq@nccm.ca or (613) 406-2525 and NCCM's Chief Development Officer Faisal Khan Suri at fkhansuri@nccm.ca or (780) 288-8299

May Allah SW bless all you efforts.

Best regards

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