

# A Development with the CRA & Your Chance for Action

### Lend your support to our campaign for a fairer oversight system that doesn't target Muslim charities, by emailing the Department of Finance in support of our policy recommendations.

The Muslim Association of Canada **recently received a ruling** that acknowledged bias in the Canada Revenue Agency's audit. The judge wondered "whether a Christian or Jewish charity would have its charitable status revoked for similar infractions or whether they would receive some sort of guideline, warning, reprimand or other sanction short of revocation of charitable status."

This is more evidence of what we know to be happening, and our work continues to remove the policies and frameworks that allow this bias to continue structurally. That's why community action is critical.

Click the button below to add your voice to our concrete recommendations to eliminate structural Islamophobia from the way the CRA monitors and polices Muslim charities.

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## **Research & Advocacy**

### Financial Action Task Force Recommendation 8 Submission

The Financial Action Task Force, an international body that supports antiterrorism financing legislation among partner countries, is refining their policy to avoid unintended consequences of anti-terrorism financing legislation, just like what Canadian Muslim charities are experiencing. Our policy submission on this topic provides guidance on how to learn from the Canadian case for better international policy, as well as how to hold the CRA accountable to correct the policies that are in place.

**Read Our Submission** 

#### **Bill C-20 Advocacy**

CMPAC has been and continues to meet with MPs on the Public Safety and National Security Committee to advocate for changes to Bill C-20, which creates an oversight body for the CBSA. Between policies that leave entrants to the mercy of individual border agents, and a lack of review process or recourse, these changes are long overdue.

As Parliament returns to session this fall, we will see this Bill up for a vote, and we're working to ensure the new legislation creates a fair and transparent process that protects immigrants and refugees from abuse. The proposed text has major gaps that our recommendations address. Stay tuned for your opportunity to take action on this matter.

## In the News

### Charter Challenge Acknowledges Bias in Auditing Muslim Charity, Fails to Act

The Ontario Superior Court has **acknowledged bias** in the Canada Revenue Agency's audit of the Muslim Association of Canada. Despite this admission, the biased CRA proceedings continue uninterrupted.

#### Remembering Our London Family

The terrorism-motivated murder trial for the killer of the Afzaal family is ongoing. Our duas remain with the family, the London community, and Muslims across Canada. We know justice is incomplete but hope that this trial will bring some accountability and closure to the family and community.

Read the article here

# Team Spotlight: Sh. Mohammed Zahid



Mohammad Zahid is a successful business leader in Canada's energy sector and internationally. He holds an MBA from the University of Toronto.

He is also a leading Canadian scholar and renowned for his robust expertise in Islamic sciences. He is a regular lecturer and a khateeb (gives sermons) across the Greater Toronto Area. He has authored and translated a number of books in both Arabic and English.

CMPAC is among a number of Canadian Muslim organizations Mohammad Zahid advises on strategic planning and governance, and Islamic jurisprudence. Over the years, Mohammad Zahid has met and advised various elected politicians on Muslim community matters. We are fortunate to be among the many Canadian Muslim institutions he has helped establish.

## **Grow our Reach**

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## **Support our Work**

Our advocacy works best when we can rely on the widest networks to push the issues that impact our community. With more resources, we can do more comprehensive research, build deeper alliances, and spread our educational content.

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