



**October 28, 2025**

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault,  
Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture  
15 Eddy Street  
Gatineau, Quebec, J8X 4B3

**RE: Joint Letter to the Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture: Canadians Stand with Amira Elghawaby**

Dear Minister Steven Guilbeault,

We, the undersigned, representing community, faith based, Muslim, and advocacy organizations from across Canada, express our unequivocal support for Ms. Amira Elghawaby, Canada's Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia and her critically important work of advancing inclusion and belonging. We also stand with her in the face of the smear campaign targeting her and attempting to undermine her crucial work.

Ms. Elghawaby is currently the subject of a renewed and coordinated hateful online campaign that seeks to undermine her role and the mandate she upholds. This is part of a series of concerted efforts aiming at intimidating and silencing public figures and leaders from Canadian Muslim communities. .

Ms. Elghawaby's career demonstrates a deep and consistent commitment to fighting Islamophobia and racism in all its forms. She has long advocated for human rights, challenged structural discrimination, and supported efforts that foster mutual understanding among Canadians. Her principled opposition to racism underscores her dedication to reconciliation and interfaith dialogue. The current attacks aim to discredit her efforts to fulfill her mandate of informing policy on issues affecting Canadian Muslims, including addressing the impacts of Islamophobia and anti-Palestinian racism in Canada.

The attacks on Ms. Elghawaby and other community figures is itself a form of Islamophobia. They reflect a pattern of weaponization of stereotypes, misinformation and racism to delegitimize Canadian Muslim communities from participating fully and equally in civic spaces and from articulating their rights to fair treatment alongside all Canadians.

Minister Guilbeault, considering the rise of Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian and anti-Arab racism in Canada, your government's clear and unwavering support for the Special Representative's office remains imperative. Therefore, we call on the Canadian government to publicly dismiss these misinformation campaigns, express their confidence in the work of Ms. Elghawaby, and ensure that her office continues to receive full institutional and political support.

Canadians have a collective responsibility to combat hate in all its forms; the Canadian government has a responsibility to support the courageous leaders who are stepping up to the challenge. Ms. Elghawaby's work supports the federal government's duty to assure vulnerable communities that their safety and human rights remain a priority and helps reaffirm Canada's commitment to justice, equity, and the right of all Canadians to live without fear or discrimination.



**Signatories:**

**Canadian Muslim Public Affairs Council (CMPAC)**

Canadian Muslim Civil Liberties Association  
Arab Canadian Lawyers Association  
Independent Jewish Voices  
The Canadian-Muslim Vote  
Canadian Muslim Healthcare Network  
Legal Centre for Palestine  
Hikma Public Affairs Council  
Arab Canadian Vote  
Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW)  
International Development and Relief Foundation (IDRF)  
Human Concern International  
Doctors for Humanity  
United for Peace - Canadian Interfaith Coalition  
Canadians in Support of Refugees in Dire Need  
Bel Agir  
Al Rashid Mosque  
The Ottawa Muslim Association  
Tawheed Community Centre  
Islamic Social Services Association Inc.  
Mission Relief  
Kanata Muslim Association  
Palestine House-Toronto  
Muslim Association of Woodstock  
Canadian Muslim Women's Institute  
York Region Muslims  
Think for Actions  
Palestinian Canadian Congress  
Pakistan Canada Association - Al Masjid Al Jamia Vancouver  
Downtown Muslim Professional Network  
The Canadian Palestinian Social Association (CPSA)  
Islamic Care Center  
Canadian Council of Imams  
Olive Branch  
Canadian youth development  
Winnipeg Central Mosque  
Islam Care Centre  
Palestine Solidarity Committee of Saint John  
Atlantic Canada Palestinian Society Halifax  
Independent Jewish Voices - New Brunswick  
Ruh Care  
Ummah Community Services Foundation  
Anatolia Islamic Centre