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Hon. Kathleen Wynne Premier of Ontario Legislative Building Queen's Park Toronto ON M7A 1A1 April 05, 2017

Subject: Upcoming MPP Malhi's Private Member's Motion and its serious implications

Dear Premier Mrs. Wynne,

An upcoming private member's motion by your colleague MPP Harinder Malhi (Brampton-Springdale) has been brought to our attention. The motion, as we have come to know, includes the statement, "...condemn all forms of communal violence, hatred, hostility, prejudice, racism and intolerance in India and anywhere else in the world including the 1984 Genocide perpetrated against the Sikhs throughout India"

We believe that such a motion is ill conceived, divisive with serious implications for Canada-India relations. India with its rich traditions of democracy is truly a friend of Canada and is amongst the tolerant and liberal countries, being the first multi-cultural society that practices 'Unity in Diversity'. India contributed the idea of "Non-Violence" to the world thought.

As we enhance, Canada-India relationship with increased trade, such a motion, if adopted, will hurt Canada-India relations. This is not to forget that unfortunately the first terrorist act, Air India bombing, originated from Canada.

The National Alliance of Indo-Canadians is committed to enhance Canada-India friendship, both being great commonwealth democracies with shared values. The National Alliance of Indo-Canadians condemns the proposed private motion that states, "1984 Genocide perpetrated against the Sikhs throughout India", since the matter was examined by the Supreme court of India, respected throughout the world for upholding the law of the land. We count upon your support against the private member's motion that goes against the grain of Canada-India friendship aimed at enhancing political, cultural and economic ties.

I look forward to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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President