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To,

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Richard Wagner
Chief Justice of Canada,

**SUBJECT: URGENT APPEAL FOR THE PROTECTION OF
HINDU COMMUNITY RIGHTS IN CANADA**

Hon'ble Sir,

Freedom of religion or belief, including the ability to worship in peace and security, is a universal human right. This principle is respected in countries that honor the essence of humanity, and the promotion and protection of human rights, including freedom of religion or belief, is a key part of Canada's engagement on the world stage. Canada's multicultural and multi-faith experience exemplifies its commitment to inclusive and accountable governance, pluralism, and respect for diversity across all spheres of society.

However, recent attacks on Hindu devotees by pro-Khalistani supporters—backed by Sikh for Justice, a designated terrorist organization banned by the Government of India, along with other violent organizations—have left the Hindu community in Canada and around the world deeply concerned. This letter addresses our profound concern for the safety of Hindus residing in Canada following a violent attack by a pro-Khalistani mob at the Hindu Sabha Temple in Brampton, Ontario.

In two recent incidents, Hindu temples in Brampton and Surrey were targeted by pro-Khalistani mobs. Armed with sticks and swords, they assaulted devotees on temple grounds, carrying Khalistani flags as they forced their way into these places of worship. On Sunday, Peel Regional Police reported a protest at the Hindu Sabha Temple, with unverified social media videos showing demonstrators carrying banners supporting

Khalistan. Some videos reportedly show physical assaults by the mob using flagpoles on temple premises.

Although Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau condemned the attack and thanked Peel Regional Police for protecting the community, no criminal charges have been filed against most of those responsible for the violence. Troublingly, some Peel Police officers appear in videos assaulting Hindu devotees, yet no actions have been taken against these officers.

One Canadian journalist reported that “the police started attacking Hindu worshippers on their own temple grounds.” Videos shared on social media show police officers pushing Hindu devotees back to protect the Khalistanis who were harassing temple-goers during Diwali. The journalist described scenes of officers punching devotees in the head and beating them with batons.

This is not an isolated incident. In June this year, the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Edmonton was also vandalized, allegedly by Khalistani supporters, who spray-painted graffiti on the walls. These repeated attacks have left the Hindu community in a vulnerable state, fearful and reliant on the Canadian government to ensure their safety. The lack of arrests, despite abundant video evidence identifying numerous perpetrators, only exacerbates concerns for future safety and security of Hindus in Canada.

Every Canadian has the right to practice their faith freely and without fear. These violent acts at the Hindu Sabha Temple are entirely unacceptable. Yet, the Canadian government's response seems biased, as no firm actions have been taken against the perpetrators.

Such violent acts by pro-Khalistani supporters not only infringe upon the rights of Hindu devotees but also incite hatred between communities, which could lead to further clashes and unrest. Pro-Khalistani demonstrators have exploited freedom of speech to promote hate, glorifying the assassination of former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and creating effigies of current Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to portray him in a derogatory manner. Videos circulating on social media show demonstrators desecrating the Indian flag. These acts, while disguised as protests, are blatant attempts to incite violence and hate.

Freedom of speech and expression, while fundamental, are not without limits, especially when they fuel hate and violence. Authorities must take

immediate steps to curb these actions and prevent further exploitation of these freedoms by pro-Khalistani groups.

In light of these concerns, we respectfully request the intervention of Canada's highest court to ensure the safety and security of Hindu families residing in Canada. We urge the Court to initiate a fair and unbiased inquiry into these incidents, ensure that the perpetrators are held accountable, and guarantee the protection of Hindu places of worship in Canada.

By the present appeal I also seeking a ban on any protests organized by pro-Khalistani groups, as they are misusing their right to freedom of speech by inciting hate in Canada. Additionally, I am requesting legal action against pro-Khalistani individuals who carry swords at protests or in public places.

With full faith in the ability of the Canadian judiciary, we hope that justice will prevail, and that the Hindu community will receive the security it rightfully deserves.

Sincerely,



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Enc:-Some Videos and Photos of the Incident are attached with Petition