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June 17th, 2021

RE: Seeking your endorsement for Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents & Private Member's Bill C-313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to you today seeking your endorsement of my House of Commons [Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents](#) and my private member's legislation on [Banning Symbols of Hate Act - Bill C-313](#). We are living in an unprecedented time. The killing of George Floyd in the U.S., and the deaths of Regis Korchinski-Paquet, a 29-year-old Indigenous-Ukrainian-Black Canadian woman, occurred in Toronto, and Chantel Moore, an Indigenous Canadian woman, was shot and killed by Edmundston police, New Brunswick police, who were called to perform a wellness check - were results of systemic racism.

Since the start of the pandemic, there has been an alarming increase of anti-Asian racism and hate crimes in Canada and across North America. A new [Angus Reid public opinion](#) poll shows that nearly 50% of young Asian Canadians have experienced and been affected by anti-Asian racism and bigotry in the last year. [Statistics Canada](#) reported that in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, fear and misinformation about the virus may disproportionately impact the sense of personal and community safety of many people in Canada.

The recent murder of the Muslim family in London, Ontario, was yet another reminder that hate and Islamophobia exist in Canada. We must take a strong stance against all forms of hate and racism against Black, Indigenous, People of Colour and Racialized communities.

My Bill C-313 would prevent anyone from selling and displaying symbols that promote hatred and violence against identifiable groups. Julian says banning symbols of hatred like swastikas or Klu Klux Klan insignia is important for all Canadians to feel safe.

I hope I can count on your endorsement to urge the federal government to immediately stop all forms of hate and all forms of discrimination, hate crimes and incidents as well as ending all display and sale in Canada of symbols of hate. Please consider using the following endorsement paragraph as a reply as soon as possible:

On behalf of _____ (Number of residents in your city), the Mayor and Council of _____ (city name) endorse MP Peter Julian's private member's motion, Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and his private member's bill Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please feel free to contact my Chief of Staff, Doris Mah, at 604-353-3107 if you require any further information.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Peter Julian, MP
New Westminster-Burnaby

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