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The Honourable

Kathleen Wynne Premier of Ontario

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Dear Premier Wynne

RE: Global Sikh Council Hails "1984 Sikh Genocide Motion in Ontario"

On behalf of Global Sikh Council, we sincerely thank you, and all members of political parties for recognizing the mass killings of Sikhs throughout India in 1984 as "Genocide". Please convey our thanks to the Liberal MP Mrs. Harinder Kaur Mahli of Brampton Springdale for her initiative in bringing this before the House.

Global Sikh Council (GSC), is an international organization of the Sikhs in which national bodies of 18 countries are represented and is working on issues relating to freedom of religion, culture, language, inter faith dialogue and develop cooperation with members of other faiths groups for sustainable "peace and harmony".

GSC and the Sikh community worldwide is indebted to yourself and all lawmakers of Provincial Parliament of Ontario that despite strong protest and stiff warnings by the "Canada India Foundation" to block this motion, the legislation was passed by 34-5 votes. This courageous step taken by yourself and all MPP has sent a clear strong message to all countries that human rights should prevail over trade and economic interests.



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We hope that your example will be followed by other legislatures throughout the world, leading to a Commission of Enquiry to bring the guilty to justice and provide an element of closure to still grieving families.

We cannot emphasize sufficiently how much this "Motion" means to Sikhs in India and abroad who have been waiting for three decades to get the mass killings of 1984 recognized as "Genocide". We got this recognition not from the Indian Government but from the lawmakers of Ontario Province.

We thank you again for your strong support on behalf of the Global Sikh Council, Sikh Survivors of 1984 Genocide and Sikhs around the world.

Sincerely,

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