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Subject: Urgent: Request for Explanation Regarding Recent Party Actions

Dear Mr. Pierre Poilievre,

I trust this message finds you well. I am writing to you with a deep concern that resonates not only within the Iranian community but among numerous immigrants like myself who have sought refuge in Canada with aspirations for a better life. It is my hope that this letter serves as an earnest plea for clarification on recent events involving the Conservative Party and its treatment of individuals like Mr. Kaveh Shahrooz.

The recent actions directed at Mr. Shahrooz, a distinguished lawyer, human rights activist, and a respected figure within the Iranian community, have left many of us disheartened. Despite his affiliation with the Liberal Party, your initial recognition of his concerns regarding the influence of the Islamic Republic in Canada and dissatisfaction with the Liberal government's policies led to an invitation to join the Conservative Party. Regrettably, this stance was inexplicably altered, leading to the decision to discourage his participation in the upcoming elections.

Such decisions not only inflict harm upon Mr. Shahrooz, his family, and the Iranian community but also contribute to a growing disillusionment among immigrants who have fled unfavourable conditions seeking democracy, freedom, security, rule of law, equality, and fraternity in Canada.

As a member of a multicultural society, I, like many others, envisioned Canada as a place where political games and party divisions would not hinder the pursuit of shared goals in building a more inclusive and harmonious society. However, recent events have shaken this belief, leaving me and others questioning the strength of our differences and the erosion of the values that once made Canada proud.

It is essential to acknowledge that foreign governments viewing democracy as a threat aim to infiltrate Canadian society and its institutions. The prevailing danger, however, lies in the actions of politicians who prioritize party interests over the long-term well-being of Canada and its citizens.

For Iranians like myself and Mr. Shahrooz, party affiliations are secondary to the importance of upholding human rights for everyone. The concern arises when high-level leaders, such as

yourself, seemingly prioritize party interests over broader issues that affect the well-being of the nation.

I implore you to address our apprehensions by providing explanations that alleviate concerns regarding the potential influence of the Islamic Republic within the Conservative Party. It is crucial for you and other politicians to refrain from compromising the values that were once the pride of Canada. Cease engaging in confrontations that prioritize party interests and power gains over the greater good.

Utilize individuals like Mr. Shahrooz, who have demonstrated their capabilities and good intentions, to counter the influence of foreign countries. As a leader of the party likely to form the government in the upcoming elections, please refrain from contributing to the fear and disappointment felt by Iranians in Canada.

I sincerely urge you to reconsider the recent behaviour of the Conservative Party and to champion a political landscape that prioritizes the values that make Canada a beacon of democracy and inclusivity.

Best regards,

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A Concerned Citizen Wary of Canada's Future

I currently live and work on the unceded lands of the Anishnaabewaki, Haudenosaunee, Wendake-Nionwentsio, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. I wish to acknowledge these traditional owners and pay my respects to their Traditional Custodians and Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples today.