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MP Sahota Outraged that Conservative MP Giving A Platform to Hate Speech Against the Muslim Community

12/06/2019 – Brampton, ON – Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, is outraged at Conservative MP Michael Cooper for lashing out at Faisal Khan Suri, president of the Alberta Muslim Public Affairs Council, while he was testifying at the House of Common’s Standing Committee on Justice by reading into the record a portion of the manifesto of the Christchurch, New Zealand shooter. The shooter killed 51 people when he opened fired into two mosques where Muslims were praying.

“Mr. Suri, an anti-racism activist, was at committee to educate MPs about the fact that online hate leads to real-world violence and Mr. Cooper’s comments are inexcusable,” said MP Sahota. “I am grateful that my Liberal colleagues on the Justice committee voted to strike MP Cooper’s comments from the committee’s record.”

As Federal Liberals MPs and Mr. Suri called for MP Cooper to be removed from the Conservative caucus, the Conservative leader took the inadequate and insufficient step of removing MP Cooper from the Justice committee, but not Caucus.

“Removing MP Cooper from the Justice committee with three weeks left in the parliamentary session is a small slap on the wrist,” said MP Sahota. “This is just another example of a Conservative party that is not inclusive and willing to permit policies like the barbaric cultural practices hotline or the niqab ban.”

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