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## MP Sahota: Glad that Canada Could Provide a Home to Asia Bibi

13/05/19 – Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, is proud to support a Liberal Government that stands up for vulnerable minorities and defends human right around the world.

"As Minister Freeland stated, Asia Bibi's case was a very important issue, and a central priority for our government," said MP Sahota. "Freedom of religion is a fundamental human right, and must be fully respected."

Asia Bibi, a Pakistani Christian woman who spent eight years on death row before being acquitted of blasphemy charges last year, safely arrived in Canada last week. Since November 2018, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Ottawa was in talks with Pakistan about helping Ms. Bibi, whose two daughters live in Canada. Ms. Bibi's arrival comes after a months-long effort to leave Pakistan, where she faced death threats from Islamists who rejected a Pakistani Supreme Court verdict that overturned blasphemy charges against her.

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