

PETITION TO: The Government of Canada

We, the undersigned are concerned citizens of Canada who seek to draw the attention of the Government of Canada for their proposal in Clause 14 of Bill C-51, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Department of Justice Act and to make consequential amendments to another Act*, to repeal Section 176 from the Criminal Code of Canada. Bill C-51 was introduced by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada in the House of Commons on June 6, 2017.

By repealing Section 176, the Government of Canada will remove the provision in the Criminal Code that directly protects the rights of Canadians to freely practice their religion peacefully, lawfully, and unobstructed, whatever that religion may be. Furthermore, in a time when attacks on religious communities in Canada are increasing, Clause 14 in Bill C-51 lessens the protection to religious leaders and faith communities across the country.

Therefore, your petitioners call upon the Government of Canada to amend Bill C-51 by ensuring Section 176 remains in the Criminal Code to protect all religious leaders and faith communities.

Signatures

(Sign your own name. Do not print)

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