PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

REPATRIATING CANADIANS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Whereas:

- Canadian citizens are currently being held in detention facilities or camps in Northeast Syria;
- Those being held in detention facilities have not been charged with any offences nor faced a fair trial, making the detentions arbitrary and unlawful;
- The conditions of their detention break all internationally recognized standards and norms with some detainees reporting being tortured;
- The detentions are a breach of their human rights;
- Those in camps are living in extremely cramped conditions with reported cases of malnutrition, violence, and little to no access to running water;
- The Canadian Government has claimed they cannot assist with repatriations because they have no diplomatic presence in the country, however they have also failed to provide their citizens with any alternatives;
- The Canadian Government has shown that they can repatriate citizens from Syria, as seen with the case of the child called Amira;
- The forces holding the Canadian citizens have expressed a willingness to facilitate the repatriations; and
- By not even attempting to assist with repatriation, the Canadian Government is neglecting its responsibilities to its citizens and is complicit in the arbitrary detention of its citizens.

We, the undersigned Canadian citizens, call upon the Government of Canada to:

- Immediately begin the process to repatriate the Canadian citizens currently being detained in Northeast Syria.

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Guidelines

- Petitions must not be altered or have any text added.
- Petitions can be either double-sided or have a blank back page.
- A petition should contain signatures of residents of Canada only.
- There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition.
- Each petitioner must sign, not print, their name directly on the petition.
- If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or a disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness. Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself.
- A petition must contain original signatures written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied or otherwise transferred to it.
- No photocopies, scans, e-mails etc. Petitions are only admissible in hardcopy.
- Paper petitions need a minimum of 25 signatures to be certified by the clerk

Please return all original signed petitions, postage free, to:

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E-mail elizabeth.may@parl.gc.ca or call 613.996.1119 if you have any questions.

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