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## MAYOR PATRICK BROWN

The Right Honourable Mark Carney Prime Minister of Canada Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree Minister of Public Safety House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

June 20, 2025

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Minister Anandasangaree,

## Subject: Request to Designate the Bishnoi Gang as a Terrorist Entity

We, the undersigned, are writing to urgently request that the Government of Canada designate the Bishnoi gang as a terrorist entity. This criminal organization, led by Lawrence Bishnoi from within Sabarmati Central Jail in India, poses a significant threat to public safety in Canada, particularly in the Region of Peel, through its involvement in heinous crimes terrorizing our communities.

The Bishnoi gang has been linked to several high-profile criminal activities in Canada, including murder and extortion, with a particular impact on the South Asian diaspora.

In the Region of Peel, the Bishnoi gang's activities extend beyond murder to include widespread extortion schemes targeting South Asian business owners. These schemes involve threats of death or violence, creating an atmosphere of fear and undermining public confidence in law enforcement and our justice system. The gang exploits vulnerable individuals, including international students and those struggling with addiction, recruiting them as "shooters" to carry out these crimes. This predatory recruitment strategy destabilizes our communities and disproportionately harms marginalized groups. Peel Regional Police are also in support of this designation as a helpful investigative tool enhancing their ability to combat this criminal network.

The Bishnoi gang's operations, reportedly involving over 700 operatives internationally, mirror the tactics of terrorist organizations by publicly claiming responsibility for high-profile murders to intimidate and assert influence over the Indian diaspora. Their actions threaten the safety and security of residents in Brampton and the broader Region of Peel, necessitating immediate federal action.

Designating the Bishnoi gang as a terrorist entity would empower law enforcement with critical tools to investigate, disrupt, and dismantle their operations. This step would also send a clear message that Canada will not tolerate transnational criminal networks that endanger our citizens. We echo the call of British Columbia Premier David Eby and the World Sikh Organization in urging this designation to address the escalating crisis of violence and extortion in our country.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. We are available to discuss this request further and provide any additional information required.

Sincerely,

Patrick Brown

Mayor, City of Brampton

Harkirat Singh,

Deputy Mayor, City of Brampton

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