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To my friends at the Oshawa Mosque,

All families should be able to live fully, safely and joyfully in their home community. To each community member across Oshawa and Ontario, I am compelled to share my heartfelt condolences and pain in the wake of such a devastating loss in London, Ontario. The act of terrorism on Sunday that killed three generations of a beloved family has shaken and horrified our country. White supremacy and Islamophobia are on the rise and must be called out and fought against on all fronts. I commit as the MPP for Oshawa to doing this work – but as a friend and a neighbour, I also commit to walking with you and standing in love and solidarity with you and your families. Words are not enough.

No one should fear or worry as they live their authentic lives with their families, living their faith where they live, volunteer, practice their faith and work. Children deserve to play safely and without hesitation. Women should be safe and welcome to walk and wear the Hijab as they choose. Brothers and sisters should be safe to pray and gather at Masjids in their home communities. Muslim families who live in our community make our province better and brighter. It is heart-wrenching to know that a child now faces the world without his family, and will forever carry a weight most can not fathom. I recognize that the Muslim community – and many across this province – will surround him with love. May he never walk alone and may he be surrounded by people across the province who will wrap him in love and who will guard the future against white supremacy, racism, hate and Islamophobia. All Muslim children in Canada should expect the same.

There is action that must be taken and anti-racism work that must be done across this province – and this country. I am committed to that work, and stand in solidarity with you and the Muslim community during this terrible time, and on each day between these defining and awful moments that should never happen. Please reach out to my office should there be any opportunity for me to be of help or support.

Sincerely,

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