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Assalamu Alaykum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh.

Dear members of our community,

Recently, a deeply concerning Islamophobic incident that occurred within our UBC Vancouver community was brought to our attention. Presently, we are actively engaged in collaborative efforts with UBC Administration and the MSA UBC Chaplain to address this situation and will soon present more details and updates on any developments as they unfold.

At the Muslim Students' Association of UBC (MSA UBC), we wholeheartedly condemn Islamophobia and want to emphasize that it will not be tolerated within our community. We are committed to the welfare and protection of all our brothers and sisters, and we stand against discrimination and bigotry. We want every member of our community to know that we are here to support, defend, and advocate for you.

MSA UBC is dedicated to the principles of inclusivity, understanding, and the promotion of peaceful coexistence. Our organization actively engages in educational and outreach initiatives, fostering an environment where both Muslims and non-Muslims can come together to enhance their knowledge of Islam and develop a sense of mutual acceptance and respect.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of hate or discrimination at UBC, please remember that you are not alone. Your safety and well-being are our utmost priorities. If you ever find yourself in immediate danger or at risk of an Islamophobic attack or assault, do not hesitate to call 911 for immediate assistance. Additionally, if you experience an Islamophobic hate crime, we strongly encourage you to report it to the RCMP Hate Crimes Team at BC_HATE_CRIMES@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. Reporting such incidents is a vital step in combating hate and discrimination. Furthermore, if you would like to speak to MSA UBC regarding any Islamophobia that you may face, you may reach out to us at askmsaubc@gmail.com or contact the MSA UBC Chaplain at shaheer.mu@gmail.com.

We want to reassure you that MSA UBC is committed to taking every necessary action to address incidents like these, provide support to victims, and work relentlessly to ensure that our community remains a safe and welcoming space for all. Together, we can create a future where incidents of Islamophobia and discrimination are eradicated.

Sincerely,

Muslim Students' Association of the University of British Columbia