



April 21, 2020

Honourable François-Philippe Champagne  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Champagne,

We are writing with increasing concern regarding the safety of Canadians who are currently stranded in India due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you know, India is currently under a nationwide lockdown and there are concerns that Canadians will be unable to return to Canada due to the inability to travel to designated airports should more repatriation flights become available. In addition, we have heard directly from constituents who identify as Christian, Sikh and Muslim who have serious concerns about being targeted for potential violence under the pretext that they are virus carriers solely due to their religious beliefs or because they are non-residents of India.

As this matter increases with urgency every day, we respectfully request that you do everything possible to bring these Canadians – especially those who fear for their personal safety or are vulnerable – home as quickly as possible.

Thank you in advance for your urgent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Bob Zimmer  
Member of Parliament  
Prince George-Peace River-Northern Rockies

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