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To:

Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Public
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Dear Minister,

Re: Urgent Request for Meeting by the families of the victims of AI182 (the "Families")

I am writing following the meeting of the Families with the RCMP on September 12, 2026 (the "Meeting") and my letter to you and others dated September 18, 2026, appended below for reference (the "Letter"), to which I have not yet had any response.

I have, however, received your response and that of the RCMP to journalists who have reported on the Meeting. The text of both responses is set out below for the record. It is obvious that both responses reiterate the message of the RCMP to the Families at the Meeting that the RCMP's investigation into AI182 (the "Investigation") has exhausted all investigative leads and is now at a dead end. Yet paradoxically you assert the Investigation is not closed. You must be aware that new leads will not magically appear without active effort from the RCMP and other law enforcement authorities. The stance you have taken is illogical and unacceptable to the Families.

How can the Minister for Public Safety allow the criminals behind the largest terrorist act in Canadian history to go unpunished and for the Families to go without justice? It is tantamount to an admission that the work entrusted to the RCMP by Canadians is beyond its abilities, too difficult for it to pursue and that after having tried for 41 years, it is throwing up its hands and acknowledging its failure. It is a cowardly withdrawal from the fray and belies your expressed sympathies to the Families. Furthermore, it is a signal to anyone who wants to follow in the footsteps of those who perpetrated the bombing of AI182 from Canadian soil that there will be no consequences for their criminal actions. Is this really the message you want to convey?

Twenty-five years after 9/11, the American authorities are still actively pursuing the perpetrators of that terrorist act. More than eighty years after the Holocaust, many governments continue to pursue the individuals who were responsible for those actions. And here we are with a terrible track record on this file, ready to throw in the towel?

As the Minister of Public Safety, we demand that you continue to vigorously pursue those who perpetrated the bombing of AI182. Your failure to do so only emboldens the people

who killed our loved ones in pursuit of their political goals. Those terrorists live to see their children and grandchildren while the Families are relegated to die without justice.

Accordingly, we urgently request a meeting of you with the Families at which we wish to discuss the following:

1. The nature of scrutiny and oversight your office has had over the Investigation over the years. We now have no confidence that the Investigation has ever had any substance or has pursued vigorously the individuals that should have been pursued. In the past, we trusted that you could not share with us confidential matters of security and waited patiently for the RCMP to produce a result but abdicating the Investigation entirely makes us wonder whether the RCMP ever intended to produce a result. As the Minister of Public Safety, you are ultimately answerable for this long delay, ineffective Investigation and lack of convictions.
2. A response to each of the points raised in the Letter.
3. Your plan for reinvigorating the Investigation on an urgent basis.

On a personal note, I would like to express my deep disappointment that this abysmal result has happened on your watch. Given your connections to the community, your previous meetings with the Families at the anniversaries and your personal expressions of sympathy, we had expected you to do much better than your predecessors. You now have an opportunity to show your leadership and change the trajectory of the Investigation and ensure that you deliver safety and justice for the Families and for all Canadians. It is a matter of Canadian reputation as Canada seeks to convince the world that it is a safe and just society.

The world is watching and the Families urgently await your substantive response.

Yours truly,



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Attributed to Minister Anandasangaree : (September 21, 2026)

I want to extend my deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones of the 329 people killed in the Air India bombing. Forty-one years later, the grief, trauma and unanswered questions caused by this horrific act of terrorism remain profound. Families deserve to be treated with compassion, respect and sensitivity — and they deserve transparency and clarity about the status of the investigation.

I had the privilege of attending each of the last two Air India memorials in Ireland. I have also met with victims' families on several occasions, listened to them share the lasting impact of this tragedy and I recognize that updates such as this can reopen painful wounds.

The RCMP has advised that the investigation remains open. This is not a closed matter. Should new, credible information or evidence come forward, it will be assessed and investigated and may lead to further investigative steps.

I trust that any new information that comes to light will be carefully reviewed by the RCMP. We will continue honouring the memory of those who were killed and supporting efforts to ensure that this tragedy is never forgotten.

This is what the RCMP sent us a short time ago: (September 21, 2026)

Please see our response below. Thank you for your patience.

On September 12, 2026, families of the victims of the 1985 Air India bombing met with RCMP representatives in Toronto for an update on the investigation that has spanned four decades. The meeting was held as part of the RCMP's commitment to transparency, and our ongoing efforts to share information with those most directly affected by this tragedy.

Family members were provided with an update concerning an individual (widely referred to as Mr. X) who had come to the attention of investigators. Over time, while an individual was identified, no definitive link to the events under investigation could be established.

Today, while there are no other persons of interest or suspects under consideration, the investigation remains open. If new or credible information comes forward, it will be investigated.

The RCMP has always endeavoured to seek justice for the victims of Air India and that commitment stands.

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Dear Sirs and Madam,

Re: RCMP Decision to cease the active Investigation into the perpetrators of AI182

My sister, Sujata and I are the surviving family of Sharad Berry, barely sixteen years old when he boarded the Air India flight 182 ("AI182") on June 23, 1985. On that horrible day, two planes were destroyed because of bombs planted by terrorists in Canada, resulting in

the worst airline disaster in Canadian history. 331 people perished, most of whom were Canadian. The lives of our family and many others were destroyed. We placed our trust in Canadian institutions to identify and bring the perpetrators of this crime to justice, however, after a botched investigation, a trial at which two accused were released without sentences and only one person was convicted, and that too for the Narita bombing, not for AI182, our trust has been betrayed repeatedly...and now, once again when we heard that the RCMP is ceasing to actively investigate this heinous crime.

In the many years that have passed since, we have had only sporadic updates from the RCMP. Whenever we've asked for information about their efforts to bring those responsible for the bombings, we've been told they cannot reveal much to us because the investigation is ongoing. In 41 years, the investigation has brought forth no real justice for us. Our parents died knowing their son's killers were still at large, haunting them throughout the remainder of their lives. But we kept hoping that the Canadian institutions that promised us justice and accountability would come through.

We are writing to express our utter dismay following a meeting on September 12, 2026 called by the RCMP (the "Meeting") with families of the victims of Air India flight 182 (the "Families"). No prior agenda was provided to the Families so we were unable to prepare for it, but during the course of the Meeting, the main purpose of the Meeting emerged - to inform us about the RCMP's decision to cease actively pursuing its investigation into the bombing of Air India Flight 182 (the "Investigation") and drastically reducing the active investigative staff on the file because the RCMP believes that it has pursued and exhausted all its investigative lines of enquiry (the "Decision").

The Decision took most of the families of the passengers that perished on that flight (the "Families") completely by surprise. We have waited patiently for 41 years for the RCMP to deliver justice in the names of those we lost. The Decision is a betrayal of the Families' trust and a complete dereliction of the RCMP's duty towards them. The history of the Investigation is peppered with flaws from the destruction of evidence, the mismanagement of witnesses and the failure of intelligence. We had hoped that the RCMP had learned from those early failures, but the Decision evidences that this is not the case. How is it possible that journalists working on this file (e.g., Terry Milewski (ex CBC), Kim Bolan (Vancouver Sun) and Daniel Bordman (PTI News) are aware of multiple lines of enquiry that currently exist, whereas the RCMP, with all the power and resources of the Canadian state, claims to be unaware and fails to pursue them?

The Decision shows a total lack of imagination and, from our point of view, a willful reluctance to pursue those suspects (is this politically motivated we wonder). For example, Al Capone the notorious American gangster was ultimately incarcerated not for his mob

activities but for tax evasion. The RCMP officials provided us with no evidence of the avenues they had pursued. The conspirators of the AI 182 bombing have continued in their activities, many of them criminal because of the RCMP's ineffectiveness. This lackadaisical attitude has only emboldened the Khalistani movement in Canada because they operate with impunity - under our noses while the RCMP says it is impotent to do anything about it. They now show up at our annual memorial services to taunt us with their lies while the RCMP in attendance look the other way.

The RCMP staff at the Meeting made the distinction between a closed versus an inactive investigation and specified that the Decision falls into the category of an inactive investigation. They further specified that the Investigation will always remain open so that the RCMP could pursue any new information that comes to light in the future. This is tantamount to the RCMP laying down its arms and passively waiting for new information to be brought to their attention. That is a deferral of the RCMP's role and duty to who? – journalists? Families? Effectively, it is wilful blindness and a refusal of the RCMP to follow its mandate on this case. If the current RCMP team assigned to the Investigation, by its own admission, is incapable of furthering the Investigation, they should all resign or be fired and replaced with those capable of doing the job.

Are we to assume that the strategy of the current RCMP team is to wait for all the suspects to die before the Investigation is completely abandoned? This is what seems to be the case given the timing of information about Mr. X, who had recently died before the revelation came to light through the journalism of Kim Bolan. Were it not for the dogged pursuit of this file by certain journalists, the Families would have been left in the dark by the RCMP without any updates for several years.

The decision is in contravention to the spirit and the promise made to us by Prime Minister Harper when he apologised to us for the disregard we had been treated with during the first two decades after the crash. An apology with no action or remedy is just empty words!

This letter puts on record our comments vehemently opposing the Decision which we strenuously communicated during the Meeting. We hereby confirm that we strongly oppose the Decision and that holding the Meeting should in no way be construed as our consent or acquiescence with the Decision. In addition, we hereby assert our rights under the *Canadian Victims Bill of Rights* and relevant related provincial laws and demand that the addressees of this letter comply with their respective duties and obligations to us under that legislation and all applicable provincial legislation. Fulfilling these obligations will require at least the following, all of which were orally communicated to the RCMP staff at the Meeting:

1. An immediate revocation of the Decision and confirmation of the same to the Families.
2. A restitution and increase, at least in line with inflation, of the cash award for information in connection with the Investigation which has been silently withdrawn.
3. Regular, direct updates to all Families of the status of the Investigation, something that has been ignored for years and now needs to be urgently rectified (at least twice a year) before we lose more individuals among the Families. The lack of updates from the RCMP has forced Families to rely on journalists for relevant information (e.g. the identity of Mr. X).
4. The RCMP has had over forty years to set up an efficient and direct communication system with the Families but has failed to do so. Instead, they have relied on the Air India Victims' Families Association ("AIVFA") as an intermediary. While AIVFA served the Families well by keeping up an informal contact network over the years, organizing memorials and doing some advocacy, it is an unincorporated association which does not claim to represent all Families and has no corporate governance framework. Over the years, not all information provided to AIVFA has been passed on to the Families, so the RCMP should maintain an accurate contact list and communicate directly with Families. The RCMP cannot assume that information given to AIVFA is shared with the Families in its entirety or on a timely basis, and the RCMP should be cognizant that treating AIVFA differently from the Families is highly inequitable. Each member of the Families has the same right to information from the RCMP.
5. Committing to a schedule of regular meetings (at least twice a year) with Families.
6. Without compromising the Investigation, the updates should outline the steps being taken to unearth evidence rather than waiting passively for evidence to emerge. An active approach is urgent and vital to procuring evidence before the individuals who have relevant information pass on.
7. You discussed ongoing discussions with various parties regarding the wreckage. If the wreckage is released from your custody, please specify how you will bear the evidentiary burden of the crash in any future prosecution.
8. Report to us on your progress to implement the recommendations from the Air India Inquiry chaired by Justice John Major and if not, explain to us why that is.
9. Active protection of Families at memorial events from other protestors whose presence and demonstrations serve to intimidate families at their annual memorial events.

10. Monitoring of community events and enforcement of hate speech legislation. The failure of law enforcement to enforce this legislation has emboldened actors to perpetrate their lies with impunity.
11. Monitoring of the activities of designated banned organizations and persons, for e.g the Babbar Khalsa, with the purpose of shutting down their public demonstrations and other activities in Canada.
12. Outreach to the community to minimize communal discord.
13. Supporting measures to increase awareness of this crime among the wider public. We discussed having flags fly at half mast on June 23rd and actively pursue an education / awareness campaign on the designation of National Day on June 23rd to recognize the Victims of Terrorism.

In 1985 one could understand your ignorance and lack of expertise in addressing the divisive forces that led to the bombing of AI182, however, now we have no choice but to conclude that your failure to pursue the Investigation is evidence of the RCMP's systemic bias. While we acknowledge that there are many activities that you undertake that we will never be aware of and that there are many dedicated officers who have devoted their careers to the Investigation, the fact remains that the results have been less than satisfactory.

The RCMP now has a chance to wipe this stain off its record and renew its efforts to obtain justice for the Families. We look forward to hearing from you how you plan to do so. Your current position on the Investigation is unacceptable and is rejected.

Yours truly,



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