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Peter Routledge
Superintendent of Financial Institutions
Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions
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Dear Superintendent,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Muslim Credit Union Members, who have asked me to bring to your attention their website and press release highlighting allegations of discrimination by Central 1 Credit Union against hundreds of Muslim Credit Union Members.

As you may be aware, United Muslim (UM) Financial was established in 2004 to provide financial services to provide financial services that reflect the tenants of Islamic principles. In 2011, Central 1 Credit Union abruptly ended its relationship with UM Financial, resulting in UM Financial clients being placed in financial hardship and left without a financing that align with their religious beliefs and principles.

The Muslim Credit Union Members believe that religious discrimination and pressure from far-right individuals and organization contributed to Central 1 Credit Union abandoning their relationship with UM Financial, as well as the reluctance of other financial institutions from taking over existing mortgages from Central 1 Credit Union. You will find additional information to their claims in the attached document as well as the website muslimcreditunionmembers.ca.

Several requests by the Muslim Credit Union Members to have an investigation into the relationship between Central 1 Credit Union and UM Financial have been stalled due to Central 1 Credit's unwillingness to participate.

It is important that we take concerns of discrimination seriously and act where possible. I understand legal action was started and human rights complaints filed, however, they were not completed due to the receivership process, and that attempts to have the courts review the actions of the Credit Union have been blocked. Additionally, Muslim Credit Union Member's requested for an independent investigation has not been responded to by Central 1 Credit Union.

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Therefore, I would like to forward the request of the Muslim Credit Union Members to have the circumstances of the relationship between UM Financial and Central 1 Credit Union reviewed by the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Green". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Matthew Green, M.P.

c.c. The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance



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