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Thursday 7 March 2014

Ms. Farida Bano Ali  
The BC Muslim Association  
Women's Council  
Burnaby B.C.

Dear Farida Bano Ali:

**Re: BCMA Women's Council Leadership Forum**

Congratulations on holding an anti-bullying conference in British Columbia.

Bullying, particularly cyberbullying, is one of the most pressing issues in the lives of our children. As technology has moved forward, bullying is no longer confined to the school yard; it arrives in the bed rooms of our children through the internet. For many children, the harassment can be unrelenting leading to unfortunate consequences for the victims of bullying.

The Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights has taken this issue very seriously. Last year, the committee called witnesses from many segments of society including academics, councillors, civil society, as well as children themselves. It was the first time that children were called before a Senate committee to talk about their experiences with bullying.

From this testimony we were able to build a report on the issue as well as several usable guides for parents and children. I am sending you copies of our cyberbullying youth guide and parent guide as well as our full report on cyberbullying.

Once again, I commend you for holding a conference on this important issue.

Kindest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mobina Jaffer".

The Honourable Mobina S.B. Jaffer, Q.C.  
Senator for British Columbia