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### Press Release

## MCC welcomes Government Bill to end Religious Arbitration

### Urges New Democrats and Conservatives to support Liberals

TORONTO - The Muslim Canadian Congress has welcomed the introduction of a bill in the Ontario Legislature that will end religious arbitration as a substitute for Ontario Family Law. The MCC has also called on the NDP and the Progressive Conservatives to unanimously back the Liberal government's initiative.

"We welcome the government's commitment to the principle of "One Law for All"; we are relieved that the McGuinty government did not succumb to the pressures of religious clerics who were trying to turn back the clock and use the judicial system to enforce their waning authority over vulnerable communities. Let us keep Rabbis, Imams and Bishops out of Canada's judicial system," said Tarek Fatah, Communications Director of the Muslim Canadian Congress.

The MCC wants the two opposition parties to back the government bill. "We appeal to Howard Hampton and John Tory to support the government bill and ensure its swift passage," said Tarek Fatah. "This is not the time for politics or catering to self-styled religious leaders who are out of step, not just with their communities, but also the nature of a civic society," Fatah added.

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