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*Black Opportunity Fund is horrified by the recent rise in violence against Black Muslim women in Alberta and across Canada and wish to express our wholehearted condemnation of Islamophobia, gender-based violence, and anti-Black racism in all their forms.*

Black Opportunity Fund recognizes and wishes to affirm the important contributions of diverse Muslim communities who have made and continue to make enormous contributions to the fabric of the Canadian society.

We honour the work being done by organizations like the African Canadian Civic Engagement Council (ACCEC), Sisters' Dialogue, Hoyo Collective, the Downtown Islamic Association (Sahaba Mosque), Muslim Feminist Collective, Alberta Muslim Women, and others who support these victims, their families and the Black Muslim community at large through what has no doubt been a traumatizing time.

We also call on all levels of government to do more to crack down on those who seek to perpetuate hate in order to create a Canada where nobody needs to feel unsafe because of their beliefs or the colour of their skin.

We are encouraged that the federal government is engaging in meaningful conversations about stopping anti-Islamic hate as part of last week's summit on Islamophobia, and it's our hope that this represents an important step toward action to create a safer and more inclusive Canada for all.