

Our Concern for Israel

We are Canadian Jews who believe in the promise of the State of Israel.

We are committed to a Jewish State that honours its Declaration of Independence, which pledged that Israel would be a country “for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.”

We are concerned that the governing coalition’s program

of judicial reforms could run counter to the ideals and founding principles of the State.

We are of the view that these potential reforms may very well cripple the independence and autonomy of the judicial system and impair human and civil rights. The end result of any such changes needs to be consistent with the original principles of the Declaration of Independence.

As strong Canadian supporters of Israel and citizens of the fourth largest Jewish community in the world, regardless of our political and religious views or affiliations, we believe it is imperative that we speak out at this time to challenge these pending judicial changes in a clear, urgent, and unequivocally strong voice. Our love and support for the State of Israel require nothing less.

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