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The Honourable Paul Calandra
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Ministry of Education
5th Floor, 438 University Avenue
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Dear Minister Calandra,

On behalf of the Jewish Educators and Families Association of Canada (JEFA), I am writing to share with you the enclosed report: *End the Crisis in Education: A Plan for Equal Rights and Real Learning*.

We have taken the extraordinary step of producing this education reform plan not as a political gesture, but as a civic duty. Our extensive research into the safety of Jewish students and teachers has revealed that the problems we face are structural in nature and demand urgent and serious reform.

What began as an investigation into rising antisemitism in Ontario schools quickly revealed a deeper, system-wide crisis. While the Toronto District School Board has drawn the most public attention, antisemitism exists across boards—and is often only acknowledged in communities where Jewish students are present. The problem is not isolated, nor is it incidental. A growing culture of politicization in classrooms, teacher training, and governance has compromised core educational priorities: safety, academic excellence, and the principle of equal treatment for every child.

The consequences are not abstract. All children are being failed—academically, socially, and in some cases physically. And at stake is more than the future of public education. What we are seeing erodes the very foundations of Ontario's identity as a free and democratic society.

We recognize the immense responsibility you carry as Minister, and we hope this report will serve as both a resource and a call to action. It offers concrete, evidence-based recommendations to strengthen institutional accountability, depoliticize classrooms, and restore education to its rightful purpose: the pursuit of knowledge, excellence, and opportunity for all.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these findings and proposals with you and your team.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Respectfully,

Tamara Gottlieb
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