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Dear Prime Minister

Regarding the Qur'an burning incident

I write to express the outrage of my community over the burning of a copy the Holy Qur'an by Far-right politician Rasmus Paludan.

I acknowledge and am grateful for your condemnation of the incident. However, the desperate and outrageous act of this political opportunist should not and cannot be overlooked as mere freedom of speech.

The Prime Minister would have seen the reaction from Muslims around the world and the criticism from other leaders. Such a sanctioned act of Islamophobia, having a police permit gives the impression that this crime against Islam is officially sanctioned. We certainly do not want our actions to recruit more far-right support for this political opportunist, but we do want and we do expect that more is done to protect the sanctities of Islam in Sweden.

I look forward to the Swedish parliament, under your leadership, passing laws to ensure that such an act of desecration is not repeated.

Yours faithfully

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