Dear [MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT],

I am a member of [NAME] Presbyterian Church in [PLACE]. I am deeply concerned about the situation of Rohingya refugees displaced by violence in Myanmar, who have been living as refugees, largely in Bangladesh, for five years or more.

I know that my denomination has previously written the Government of Canada, commending it for placing sanctions on Myanmar military officials, for the government’s previous pledge of $300,000 in aid for Rohingya refugees and for formally declaring the actions of the Myanmar military against the Rohingya an act of genocide.

I now wish to write personally. The Government of Canada’s previous three-year plan provided significant support. However, it fell short of the full $600 million recommended by The Honourable Bob Rae, Special Envoy to Myanmar, in his final report. I have heard that a second three-year plan began in 2022, which builds on the work of the first plan and promises an additional $288.3 million over its three-year period. I am asking that the Government of Canada continue its work in this area and consider increasing the amount of aid for Rohingya refugees. Such assistance is desperately needed as solutions are sought to enable a safe return or resettlement of those displaced.

It is essential to work closely with the United Nations to provide the necessities of life for the Rohingya refugees and the Bangladeshi people most affected. In doing so, it is also vital to listen to the voices of the refugees as the international community works toward a solution. Meanwhile, I ask that you consider the significant need of the Rohingya as you make decisions regarding aid.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]