



From:

The Shia Muslim Council of Australia

To:

Senator Fatima Payman

30th June 2024

Dear Senator Payman,

Assalamu Alaikum

We are writing on behalf of the Shia Muslim community in Australia to express our thanks for your brave stand in calling for an end to the atrocities in Palestine. Your bold stance on the genocide that is unfolding in Palestine, despite immense pressure, exemplifies the resilience, moral integrity, and leadership that our community deeply respects and values.

Your statement that “Palestine will be free, from the River to the Sea” sent a clear and important message. Your choice to cross the floor on the vote to recognise the State of Palestine, despite the possible repercussions for your political career, was a courageous and moral one. As you said, you did not walk those steps across the floor of the parliament alone.

Your passionate plea for recognizing the devastating human cost of genocide—questioning the deaths and devastation required before action is taken—resonates deeply within our community. Your call for sanctions and your declaration for a free Palestine underscore your dedication to advocating for those who have been marginalized and oppressed.

We hope that other politicians in Australia make similar moral choices and take serious action to prevent the genocide in Palestine, address injustices within Australia, and combat oppression wherever it exists in the world!

We would be honoured to meet and greet you when you are next in Sydney, to personally express our gratitude and support for your exceptional commitment to justice.

Best Wishes,

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