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Hon. Justin Trudeau,

Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada

As Montreal Turkish Platform (MTP) we have learned recently on your comments and "*admiration for Chinese dictatorship*" in the media and we have found it very disturbing.

Quote """"""You know, there's a level of admiration I actually have for China because their basic dictatorship is allowing them to actually turn their economy around on a dime and say 'we need to go green fastest, we need to start investing in solar.'

<http://www.sunnewsnetwork.ca/sunnews/politics/archives/2013/11/20131108-093703.html>""""""End of the quote.

As you probably know Montreal Turkish Platform is an Non-Governmental umbrella organization which unites six major Turkic speaking communities of the greater Montreal island. It is a voice for about 60 thousand ethnic Turkic speaking people including Uyghurs. East Turkistan (alias Xinjiang province of China) is the home for 20 million ethnic Uyghur Turks, their homeland was occupied by Chinese communists in 1949. Ever since Uyghur Turks have been experiencing an increasing oppression by the state orchestrated terror towards them, towards their cultural, linguistic and religious freedoms. In brief - the current situation is at such state that some academic scholars and exiled Uyghur activists qualify as a "*cultural genocide*".



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We found your comments to be utterly insensitive to the faith of millions Uyghur Turks, who are suffering under brutal regime of Chinese Communists. We fell that it is morally wrong to state admiration towards such a cruel regime and it is especially heartbreaking to hear it from the leader of a Canadian political party.

As MTP we would like to request an appointment with you so as to brief you on the deteriorating Human Rights abuses happening in Uyghur region of PRC (People's Republic of China). It would be helpful, as well, if you could include your party Foreign Affairs' critic, Hon. Marc Garneau, in this meeting.

We maintain that you should clarify your statements publicly so Montreal Turkic speaking communities understand if you truly admire the Chinese Communist government or not.

Yours Sincerely,

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President