



Peaceful Protesters Harassed by Gurpreet Dhillon Goons

Brampton - Oct 11, 2022 - On Thanksgiving weekend, our group continued our peaceful protests around the Gore Meadows Community Centre area to raise awareness of the serious sexual assault allegation against Gurpreet Dhillon.

On Sunday the 10th, we noticed a large group of men (about 20) gathered in the parking lot of a nearby plaza.

They seemed to be waiting to see where we would set up our protest for the day.

Three women began to set up the protest area on a far away sidewalk after confirming with security at the Community Centre that the spot was acceptable for our protest. Shortly after setting up, a large white pick-up truck pulled up on the sidewalk and about 10-15 men descended upon the 3 women and took over their spot on the sidewalk, blocked their signs with their own large Gurpreet Dhillon signs, and followed the women around to block them wherever they stood. They were aggressive and tried to intimidate our small group.

To avoid any altercations and for our own safety we decided to march and leave that spot. Our group by this time had about a dozen women in it. About 5-6 young men chased and followed the women (across four lanes of traffic) to the other side of the street.

Meanwhile, one volunteer who stayed back to pack up the supplies turned her back for a few minutes, only to see a black car pull up and instruct two young Dhillon people to take our signs off our table and load them into her car. A whole stack of signs was taken off our table and ripped off the sides of the table. Our volunteer confronted the driver and got a very clear photo of her face and the signs in the car. As she was talking to the driver - the driver sped away in a panic almost running over our volunteer's foot. There were witnesses to this reckless behaviour and theft and it has been reported to the Peel Regional police.

Throughout the course of the day, the peaceful women protestors, were followed, blocked, subject to harassment, and even pushing and shoving occurred that could have put them in danger around traffic and busy intersections. It should be noted that our group consisted of women who were young, seniors, and all ages. The Dhillon people (we won't call them supporters as it was obvious some were paid, just following instructions) were all men. We have footage of all of this and have supplied it to the police who were called at one point when the women feared for their safety. Police were helpful and took the time to collect information and ensure the women were safe. By this time the Dhillon people had fled.

At one point during the day the women went to the community centre to be in the presence of security and were followed there as well by a pickup truck full of men with large Dhillon

signs. They continued to block and harass the women until the women again departed. Eventually at 3pm the protest was called off early due to safety concerns.

Regardless of anyone's political position, the conduct of the Gurpeet Dhillon campaign on Sunday was reprehensible, disgusting and very low. Everyone has the right to peaceful protest. It only goes to show his true character and confirms he is NOT fit for office. We are overwhelmed by the many messages of support we have received and will continue our activities. We will not be silenced. Brampton deserves better and Dhillon's past and current conduct sets a terrible example of what is acceptable in our city and our politics. We call on all candidates and leaders of our community to condemn this behaviour.

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