

# Most Benevolent MPs Giving \$\$\$ to Anti-Choice Groups

## Human Rights Wall of Shame Since 2015 Election



Under the Canada Summer Jobs program, individual MPs can gift organizations in their constituencies with cash grants.

The following MPs lavished anti-choice groups with money since the October 2015 federal election.

MP	Riding	Amount
Iqra Khalid*, LP	Mississauga - Erin Mills	\$61.7 K
Bob Saroya*, CPC	Markham-Unionville	\$36.1 K
Rachael Harder, CPC	Lethbridge	\$28.8 K
Randeep Sarai, LB	Surrey Centre	\$22.8 K
Arif Virani, LB	Parkdale - High Park	\$17.0 K
Diane Finley*, CPC	Haldimand - Norfolk	\$15.9 K
Lloyd Longfield, LB	Guelph	\$15.8 K
Kent Hehr, LB	Calgary Centre	\$13.6 K
Cheryl Gallant*, CPC	Renfrew - Nipissing - Pembroke	\$12.9 K
Colin Carrie, CPC	Oshawa	\$10.3 K

\* These MPs have the dishonour of also being featured on our Human Rights Wall of Shame for the Most Benevolent MPs from 2010 to 2017.

### What happened with the Canada Summer Jobs program?

In April 2017, the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada reported that many anti-choice groups had been getting federal government funding to hire summer students under the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program – about \$1.7 million since 2010! (Here's the list with amounts and years: <https://goo.gl/4C1ZsC>)

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Employment Minister Patty Hajdu quickly announced that Liberal ridings would no longer award CSJ funding to anti-choice groups, and that the government would look at ways to permanently change the program to prevent any MP from allocating public funds to anti-choice groups.

In December, an attestation requirement was announced, requiring eligible CSJ applicants to tick a box attesting that their core mandate activity and the summer job activity itself would respect Charter rights and associated human rights, including reproductive and LGBT rights. "Respect" means to not work to actively undermine those rights – it does not mean support for them.