

NDP Response: Recognize Celil Campaign

Dear Recognize Celil Campaign,

Thank you for your letter to all federal party leaders regarding the ongoing imprisonment of Huseyin Celil.

We share your deep sadness and frustration at Mr. Celil's ongoing detention, the lack of information on his whereabouts and wellbeing, and the Government of China's failure to uphold international law and human rights.

New Democrats recognize Mr. Celil as a Canadian citizen, with equal rights to any other Canadian. We condemn his arrest and unequivocally call on the Government of China to release him unconditionally so he can be reunited with his family. It is unacceptable that the Canadian government has not had access to Mr. Celil to provide consular assistance.

A New Democrat government will work for Mr. Celil's immediate release and will seek consular access under the Vienna Convention.

Further, we are profoundly disturbed by the Government of China's systematic human rights abuses against the Uyghur people in China, which we joined Parliament in recognizing as a genocide. The mass surveillance, forced labour, arbitrary detentions, and population control cannot go on with impunity and require international condemnation and action.

Canadians expect the Government of Canada to stand up for human rights here at home and abroad with actions that protect the safety and dignity of all people. A New Democrat government is committed to working with the international community to hold China accountable for its arbitrary detention of Foreign Nationals and to uphold international law and human rights.

Sincerely,

The NDP Team