

# **The South Asian Women's Community Centre (SAWCC)**

## **Statement on Bill 62**

The South Asian Women's Community Centre Statement calls on the Quebec Government to repeal Bill 62. Bill 62 clearly targets the most vulnerable members of our society, Muslim women who wear the niqab, seeking to further exclude them from democratic participation. Premised on a false notion of neutrality and gender equality, the Bill is divisive and does not serve any purpose. Rather than focusing on denying women access to public services, SAWCC calls on the Justice Minister to address issues of structural inequality, systemic disadvantage and racism, to demonstrate a real commitment to substantive equality for all women and the inclusion of minority women in all aspects of public life.