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Premier must denounce and distance himself from racism and white supremacy

Toronto, Sept. 24, 2018 — Today in the Ontario legislature Premier Doug Ford refused to denounce the views of Faith Goldy with whom he recently posed for a picture. JSpaceCanada believes that if Premier Ford will not issue a forthright repudiation of Faith Goldy, other members of the Progressive Conservative Government must speak up in his place.

“All politicians and certainly the Premier must know the damaging impact when racist views are given prominence by public figures. MPPs from all parties must speak out — silence is no longer an option” said Karen Mock, President of JSpaceCanada. “Failure to renounce Faith Goldy’s vile views will give her ideas credibility and legitimacy. Racism and white supremacy are not partisan issues. JSpaceCanada applauds the Liberal Party, the NDP and the Green Party for trying to hold the government to account,” added Mock.

“We were stunned when Doug Ford refused to disassociate himself from Faith Goldy and her connections to white supremacy when he was asked to do so,” said Bernie Farber, member of the JSpaceCanada Board and Chair of the Canadian Anti Hate Network. “At the very least Premier Ford should denounce the racist views of Faith Goldy and distance himself from the white supremacists that surround her. We call on all other politicians to do the same thing.”

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