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Dear Professor Karam,

We are saddened to hear the shocking news of Professor Khaled Belkacemi being one of the victims in the attack at the Islamic Cultural Center of Quebec City on Sunday evening.

We lost a great friend and colleague who served the engineering and scientific community with great zeal and enthusiasm. I personally have had several occasions to interact with him wherein he always brought innovative ideas to light.

On behalf of the CSBE/SCGAB, we take this moment to convey our sincere condolences to his wife Professor Safia Hamoudi, who is also a colleague in the Department of Soil and Agri-food Engineering (SGA), and to other family members. We pray to give her strength to bear this mindless tragedy.

Also our sympathies go to Professor Belkacemi's colleagues and students in the Department of SGA of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences (FSAA) at Université Laval.

Merci Antoine!

Cordially,
Vijaya Raghavan
President, CSBE/SCGAB