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Dear Mr. Dreessen:

Thank you for your email of February 22, 2015, co-addressed to the Prime Minister and the Honourable Pierre Poilievre, Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister for Democratic Reform, regarding the location of the planned National Memorial to the Victims of Communism. I appreciate you taking the time to share your views with me.

On December 11, 2014, the Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of National Defence and Minister for Multiculturalism, and I announced that the design presented by ABSTRAKT Studio Architecture of Toronto had been selected on the recommendation of a jury of experts for the future National Memorial to the Victims of Communism to be located in Canada's capital.

The Memorial, when completed, will commemorate the 100 million people worldwide who suffered or perished under communism and will celebrate Canada's role as a place of refuge for people fleeing injustice and persecution. For this reason, the Wellington Street site's close proximity to Parliament Hill, on a lot adjacent to the Supreme Court lawn, and its thematic links to key federal institutions such as the Supreme Court of Canada, the Peace Tower and Library and Archives Canada, are well suited to the Memorial's intended purpose and meaning. Justice for all and freedom from oppression are cornerstones of our Canadian democracy and its institutions.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelly Glover".

The Honourable Shelly Glover, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Pierre Poilievre, P.C., M.P.

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