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## Letter to the Residents of Ottawa South

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Dear Neighbours :

It has been four short years since you first entrusted me with the privilege and responsibility of being your Member of Parliament.

We have worked hard together to improve the lives of our friends, families and neighbours. To date, my staff and I have assisted over 10,000 individuals and families with matters such as immigration, pensions, student loans, taxation, small business concerns, and passport applications, just to name a few.

**I remain committed to Ottawa South.** Ottawa South is where I was born, raised and educated. It is where Brigitte and I are raising our four kids. From schools to pools, from soccer teams to piano lessons, we study, work, and play in this community. I understand and share the same concerns as you do.

Since my first election, I have launched several community engagement initiatives. My *Student Engagement Initiative* welcomes over 1,000 Ottawa South students each year to Parliament Hill, giving them first-hand access to democracy. It funds 17 annual awards and scholarships for students in our riding. *Project Porchlight* delivers an energy efficient light bulb to every household in our city to lower energy costs and encourage practical environmental action. My *Volunteer Initiative* honours many of our community's most dedicated and under-appreciated volunteers and encourages others to get involved. And I reach out to over 3,600 small and medium sized business owners with a *Small Business Initiative* to offer support to help them grow our local economy.

On Parliament Hill, I have learned that Ottawa South is a microcosm of Canada – a vibrant, connected community of families with origins around the world – and the priorities of our neighbours are Canada's priorities. That's why, as Official Opposition Critic for the Environment, I defended endangered species and fought for cleaner air and water. On the national stage, I battled to protect seniors and those in need, to fund crime prevention, and to make new investments in research and innovation. And you can count on me to continue to fight for our public health care system, a stronger national economy, and better consumer protection.

I am asking for your support because I want to continue to serve you. My pledge to you is a single one: I will work as hard as I can to improve the lives of everyone in our community. I will be there when you need me. **I am dedicated to building an Ottawa South, and a Canada, that remains a model for the world.**

On behalf of my family, let me wish you and yours a wonderful autumn.

Sincerely,  
David McGuinty

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