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Message from the Prime Minister

I am pleased to extend my warmest personal greetings to everyone attending the Police & Peace Officers' Memorial Ribbon Society Memorial Ribbon Scholarship reception.

Police and peace officers face daily risk in the service of our communities. Their commitment to maintaining the peace and security of our society is truly commendable. Tragically, upholding the rule of law can exact a terrible toll on police and peace officers and their families. Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty remind us of the costs involved in maintaining a free and civilized society.

As a community, we have an obligation to their grieving families to show them that they did not sacrifice their lives in vain. We must demonstrate our gratitude for these fallen heroes and ease the burden that falls on their loved ones.

I can think of no better way to honour their legacy of service than to support the aspirations of their sons and daughters. The Memorial Ribbon Scholarship is a wonderful way to preserve their memory by ensuring that their hopes and aspirations for their children's futures are fulfilled. I commend the Police & Peace Officers' Memorial Ribbon Society for this laudable initiative and for your ongoing dedication to honouring the memory of fallen officers.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and every success in reaching your fundraising goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Stephen Harper'.

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada