

The Honourable Jamie Baillie, FCA, MLA Leader of the Opposition PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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Mr. Joe Roberts, Spokesperson The Push for Change Foundation c/o 3242 Mayne Crescent Coquitlam, BC V3E 1N1

Dear Mr. Roberts,

Thank you for bringing your walk and goal to my attention. Too often in Canada, we allow ourselves to believe that youth homelessness is not that widespread a problem, that it can be somehow managed. That's why Push for Change is so impressive. The goal of this ambitious campaign is to put an end to youth homelessness in our country.

Your personal story is inspiring and illustrates that youth homelessness does not have to limit the potential of a young person. Through your example, young people can see that they can overcome homelessness and lead happy and productive lives.

I applaud the emphasis Push for Change places on prevention. The Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative Caucus has introduced several pieces of legislation that promote support for youth mental health. By getting young people the mental health help they need, fewer will have to deal with homelessness.

I congratulate you and everyone at Push for Change on undertaking this inspirational journey. I wish you all the best and hope your effort to end youth homelessness encourage others to join in.

Sincerely,

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Hon Jamie Baillie, FCPA, MLA Leader of the Opposition

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