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Chatham-Kent-Essex

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Mr Joe Roberts
52 Draper Crescent
Barrie, ON L4N 6B1

Dear Mr. Roberts,

It was an honour and a privilege to meet you, your wife Marie, and the *Push for Change* team that joined you at Queen's Park on October 16th.

As a former motivational speaker, I was truly impressed not only by your story but also the captivating way in which you share it. Anyone who hears you describe how you were able to push through your own obstacles will surely be inspired to tackle the challenges in their own lives as well as the common challenges we face as a society.

Homelessness is a significant issue that we must collectively face. We know it is a big problem, as you noted that Canada's total homeless population is estimated by the government to be 150,000 and by non-governmental agencies to be as high as 300,000 and costs taxpayers as much as \$7 billion annually. This challenge can, and must, be overcome.

With each step you take we are one step closer to ending youth homelessness in Canada.

Please accept my congratulations and support as you continue the *Push for Change*. I look forward to seeing you in the great riding of Chatham-Kent-Essex later this month!

Change for the better can be made if we all push together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick R. Nicholls".

Rick Nicholls, MPP
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