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I am delighted to lend my support to Mr. Joe Roberts and his team in their Push for Change campaign. Mr. Roberts' journey, in pushing a shopping cart across the country, to inspire, educate and challenge Canadians of all ages, with the "possibility" of ending youth homelessness, is inspiring.

Our Government recognizes the need to help youth reach their full potential and that prevention combined with emergency services and housing are critical in addressing youth homelessness. To help, we assist organizations that provide emergency shelters, second stage housing, and long term stable housing for youth in conjunction with support services. These include, for example, Phoenix Housing and Youth Services in the Halifax area and the Supportive Housing Youth Focus Team (SHYFT) in the Town of Yarmouth.

I wish Mr. Roberts well and much success in his trek through Nova Scotia and the rest of the country. Increasing the awareness of youth homelessness and engaging Canadians on the issues encountered by homeless youth raise the hope for a better future.

Thank you, again, for your email.

Respectfully,

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