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Dear Mr. Roberts,

Although my obligations as Member of Parliament for Kingston and the Islands require that I be in Ottawa during your visit to Kingston, I felt that it was important to participate in this event in some way. I hope that it will help to build momentum for the cause, both in publicity and in funds.

Congratulations for "pushing" the agenda of ending youth homelessness into the minds of Canadians. Beginning at the eastern shore of Newfoundland nearly 160 days ago, you have walked over three thousand kilometers on a trek that will take you across the country, from sea to sea in the truest sense.

Individually and very personally, you have shown that the challenges around youth homelessness can be faced and overcome, one step at a time. This same agenda is championed in our region in very practical and realistic ways by the United Way Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington. Through the implementation of the Youth Out Loud project they are taking action to end youth homelessness in Kingston and the area. Like your trip, the plan is well underway, but there remains much more to do.

Initiatives such as Push for Change can make a huge difference. I encourage the people to support this initiative in tangible ways, both locally through our United Way, and through your journey so that the end to youth homelessness that you are pushing can become a reality.

Thank you, and best of luck to you and the Push for Change team.

Sincerely,

Mark Gerretsen, M.P.
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