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To whom it may concern,

As a co-chair of Canada's All-Party Parliamentary Group to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, I am pleased to express my support for the work and efforts of Ms. Anne Basham and the Interparliamentary Taskforce on Human Trafficking (ITHT).

Human trafficking and modern-day slavery turn people into objects that are used and exploited. It is vicious, profitable and growing in every country around the world. Over the past few years, due to the pandemic, the estimated number of people enslaved or trafficked has risen from 40 million to 50 million.

It is imperative for Parliamentarians and legislators to implement robust laws and policies to combat human trafficking and modern-day slavery. As such, I am grateful for the important work undertaken by Interparliamentary Taskforce on Human Trafficking (ITHT).

In particular, under the leadership of Ms. Basham, the Taskforce has been instrumental in bringing together Parliamentarians to share best practices, provide strategic advice, and build international cooperation in the effort to combat exploitation.

In closing, please let me reiterate my support for Interparliamentary Taskforce on Human Trafficking (ITHT) as we work together towards a world without slavery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Viersen".

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