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Falun Dafa Celebration on Parliament Hill

As the Member of Parliament for Etobicoke Centre, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my greetings to all attending the Falun Dafa Celebration today in Ottawa and I welcome you to Parliament Hill.

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a spiritual meditation based on the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance. These are indeed values that we all cherish and that we all honour.

In Canada, we also treasure our values of openness and diversity. Our Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects and guarantees our freedoms of belief and of conscience.

For their beliefs, Falun Dafa practitioners in China continue to be victims of persecution and human rights abuses, including arbitrary arrest and torture, at the hands of the communist government.

As elected officials, and as Canadians, we must always stand up for human rights and for fundamental freedoms.

I thank the practitioners of Falun Dafa for the meaningful and significant contributions they have made, and continue to make, to Canada. Your spirituality and the values you hold have helped build our Canadian social fabric.

As the followers of Falun Dafa gather together to celebrate their beliefs and spirituality, I wish harmony and health to all on this day of celebration.

Sincerely,

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