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Dear Cabbagetown Residents Association,

In these extraordinary times, I wanted to recognize all your hard work for your residents. I understand that during this unprecedented pandemic, you and your members are facing increasing difficulties paying the bills and making ends meet. As your Member of Parliament, I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you some of our Government's work to support residents in Toronto Centre who may be facing financial hardship.

To ensure that Canadians facing loss of income had immediate support to pay their bills, we introduced the **Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)**. This \$2,000 per month benefit is for those who are losing income due to COVID-19, and has already helped millions of Canadians. If you haven't already, I encourage you to inform your residents of this important benefit. You can find out more information about this program here: Canada.ca/coronavirus-cerb, and my office is available to answer any questions you may have.

With schools closed in response to critical public health measures, we also wanted to ensure parents had additional support. We boosted the Canada Child Benefit for May, meaning that later this month parents can expect an additional \$300 per child.

For the many seniors who are active members of our community, we recognize the difficult time they are having throughout this crisis. That is why we're taking significant action to provide them with greater financial security and give them the help they need during this crisis. In addition to a special top-up to the GST credit last month, the Government is introducing a special one-time payment for those who receive OAS (top-up of \$300) and GIS (top-up of \$200), representing up to \$500 tax-free to seniors that receive both.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to also explore the following emergency programs:

- The new **Canada Student Emergency Benefit** will provide \$1,250 per month from May through August for eligible students.
- The **Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy**, which covers 75% of an employee's wages, including for rehired or new employees.
- The \$350 million **Emergency Community Support Fund** will support charities and non-profits in their important work and get vulnerable Canadians the resources they need.



In this unprecedented time, we all have a part to play to ensure our community emerges from COVID-19 stronger than ever before. I encourage you to advise your members of the supports and benefits available to them.

Together, I'm confident that our community and our country will get through this. Until we do, I want to assure you that our Government is working around the clock to get Canadians and businesses the help they need to get through this challenging time. Our message is clear: we will have your back.

If you have any questions, or need assistance accessing the supports available, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,



Bill Morneau
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