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THANK YOU BILL FOR THAT INTRODUCTION,

HONOURED GUESTS,

MESDAMES ET MESSIEURS,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

IT IS ALWAYS AN HONOUR TO ADDRESS A COMBINED MEETING OF THE EMPIRE AND CANADIAN CLUBS.

THIS IS ONE OF THOSE EVENTS THAT IS A RITUAL OF PUBLIC LIFE IN THIS COUNTRY,

AND ONE IS ALWAYS CONSCIOUS IN ADDRESSING THIS AUDIENCE

THAT ONE IS STANDING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MANY OF THE GREAT FIGURES OF THE LAST CENTURY

- PRIME MINISTERS KING, DIEFENBAKER, TRUDEAU, AND MULRONEY
- ( PREMIERS LIKE MR. DAVIS)
- WORLD LEADERS LIKE WINSTON CHURCHILL, INDIRA GANDHI, MARGARET THATCHER AND RONALD REAGAN.

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**THOSE SPEECHES ARE A GREAT SOURCE OF WIT AND WISDOM AND HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE.**

**FOR EXAMPLE, HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS ONE FORMER POLITICAL LEADER SAID IN AN EMPIRE CLUB SPEECH SOME YEARS AGO.**

**“THE TREND... OF THE LAST THIRTY OR FORTY YEARS, HAS BEEN TO SHIFT THAT POWER FROM PARLIAMENT TO THE CABINET.**

**THE EFFECT OF OUR SYSTEM WAS TO PLACE A GOOD DEAL OF POWER IN THE HANDS OF ONE MAN... SO LONG AS HE HAD THE CONFIDENCE OF THE HOUSE HE WAS PRACTICALLY A DICTATOR.**

**A UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, OR A RESOLUTION PASSED BY A VERY LARGE MAJORITY HAS PRACTICALLY NO EFFECT.”**

**THAT IS WHAT SIR ROBERT BORDEN, THEN LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, SAID TO THE EMPIRE CLUB EXACTLY 100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH.**

SO NOT ONLY AM I SPEAKING TO THE SAME ORGANIZATION, HOLDING THE SAME POSITION, BUT I COULD HAVE BROUGHT THE SAME SPEECH.

I HOPE MY SUCCESSOR 100 YEARS FROM NOW WILL BE ABLE TO SAY THAT SOME OF THESE THINGS HAVE CHANGED.

### OLD PROBLEMS AND NEW CHALLENGES

ONE OF THE UNFORTUNATE REALITIES OF PUBLIC LIFE IN THIS COUNTRY

- IS THAT WE ARE HAMPERED FROM DEALING WITH THE ISSUES OF THE FUTURE,
- BECAUSE WE ARE STILL STRUGGLING TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS OF THE PAST
- AND OUR FAILURES TO MAKE SOME FUNDAMENTAL REFORMS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE LONG AGO.

THERE ARE MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES ON THE NATIONAL AGENDA WHICH I KNOW THAT THIS AUDIENCE,

- WITH YOUR DEEP INTEREST IN PUBLIC POLICY, WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT.     [\*\* 4 \*\*]

**I KNOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF  
OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM,**

- AND THE STEPS WE MUST TAKE TO COMPLY WITH THE  
CHAOULLI DECISION AND ENSURE TIMELY ACCESS TO  
HEALTH CARE FOR ALL CANADIANS.**

**I KNOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT PRODUCTIVITY  
AND COMPETITIVENESS,**

- AND HOW WE CAN LOWER THE TAXES THAT HOLD  
BACK JOBS AND INVESTMENT.**

**I KNOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT OUR TRADE  
RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES,**

**THE CURRENT DISPUTE OVER SOFTWOOD LUMBER  
AND THE FUTURE OF NAFTA.**

**BUT OUR ABILITY TO DEAL WITH THESE AND OTHER  
IMPORTANT PUBLIC POLICY CHALLENGES IS HAMPERED  
BY THE OVERRIDING QUESTION OF ETHICS AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY IN OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.**

**PUT BLUNTLY, CANADIANS WILL NOT TRUST A  
GOVERNMENT TO TACKLE NEW CHALLENGES  
IF IT CANNOT CLEAN UP OLD MESSSES.**

**AND CANADIANS WILL NOT BELIEVE THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT WILL BE A FORCE FOR GOOD  
IF IT IS NOT HONEST AND NOT ACCOUNTABLE.**

**ENDING THE CULTURE OF ENTITLEMENT**

**TODAY CANADIANS BELIEVE THAT IT IS NOT.**

**HOW COULD THEY BELIEVE OTHERWISE?**

**LAST WEEK, JUDGE GOMERY CONFIRMED WHAT MANY  
CANADIANS SUSPECTED. HE DOCUMENTED:**

- **ILLEGAL CASH AND KICKBACKS**
- **PHONEY CONTRACTS FOR NO WORK**
- **A CULTURE OF ENTITLEMENT AND CORRUPTION**

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**HE DID SO OVER HUNDREDS OF PAGES,**

- IN A CONSPIRACY THAT LASTED YEARS,**
- REACHING TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT,**
- DONE BY AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GOVERNING PARTY OF CANADA.**

**THESE ARE NO LONGER MEDIA SPECULATIONS OR PARTISAN SLURS.**

**THESE ARE FINDINGS OF FACT IN A JUDICIAL INQUIRY.**

**AND NO ONE HAS BEEN HELD ACCOUNTABLE.**

**ACCOUNTABILITY IS WHAT CANADIANS EXPECT WHEN THEY SEND THEIR HARD-EARNED TAX DOLLARS TO OTTAWA.**

**IT'S WHAT THEY DESERVE.**

**GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSED TO SERVE THE PUBLIC TRUST AND PROTECT THE TAX DOLLARS OF ORDINARY PEOPLE.**

**WE FORGET THAT IT'S THE MONEY OF ORDINARY PEOPLE  
THAT WAS STOLEN.**

**IT'S THEIR TRUST THAT WAS BROKEN.**

**WHEN I BECOME PRIME MINISTER I WILL MAKE THE TASK  
OF CLEANING UP GOVERNMENT, AND MAKING OTTAWA  
MORE ACCOUNTABLE, MY FIRST PRIORITY.**

**CLEANING UP GOVERNMENT BEGINS AT THE TOP.**

**PAUL MARTIN CLAIMED TO BE MAD AS HELL ABOUT THE  
SPONSORSHIP SCANDAL.**

**BUT UNDER HIS WATCH, THE WASTE, MISMANAGEMENT  
AND CORRUPTION HAVE CONTINUED.**

**PAUL MARTIN CRONIES FROM ART EGGLETON TO FRANCIS  
FOX CONTINUE TO FIND SOFT LANDINGS IN AN  
UNREFORMED SENATE.**

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**THE MARTIN GOVERNMENT IS NEGOTIATING A HALF-MILLION DOLLAR SEVERANCE PACKAGE WITH DAVID DINGWALL –**

- THE MAN WHO HIRED CHUCK GUYE TO RUN GOVERNMENT,**
- THE MAN WHO RECEIVED IMPROPER PAYMENTS AS A LOBBYIST,**
- THE MAN WHO HAD A PATRONAGE JOB AND QUIT.**

**LIBERAL LOBBYISTS, MANY PART OF THE SO-CALLED “BOARD” OF PAUL MARTIN INSIDERS,**

- CONTINUE TO LOBBY MINISTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AT 5,000 DOLLAR PER PERSON LIBERAL FUNDRAISING PARTIES.**

**IT HAS TO STOP. AND IT WILL.**

**YOU KNOW MOST CANADIANS DON'T ACTUALLY THINK THAT POLITICAL OFFICE SHOULD BE A PERMANENT CAREER**

- IT SHOULD BE A WORTHY, BUT LIMITED FORM OF PUBLIC SERVICE.**

**WE ALL KNOW PEOPLE IN OUR COMUNITIES WHO HAVE SERVED FOR A TERM OR TWO ON CITY COUNCIL,**

- THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE,**
- OR EVEN AS A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**
- OR IN STAFF OR ADVISORY POSITIONS TO THESE INDIVIDUALS.**

**AND I THINK WE ADMIRE MOST THOSE WHO AFTER HAVING DONE WHAT THEY CAME TO DO,**

- SIMPLY DECIDE TO RETURN TO THEIR FORMER JOBS AND THEIR FORMER LIVES**
- RATHER THAN HANGING ON IN OFFICE OR AROUND GOVERNMENT AS LOBBYISTS OR POLITICAL APPOINTEES.**

**I THINK WE ALL HAVE MORE RESPECT**

- FOR THOSE CITIZENS WHO RUN FOR OFFICE TO CHANGE POLITICS,**
- NOT TO HAVE POLITICS CHANGE THEM.**

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**AND THAT IS HOW I WANT TO TREAT MY TIME IN PUBLIC OFFICE**

- I AM IN OTTAWA TO DO A JOB,**
- NOT TO JOIN A CLUB,**
- NOT TO BUY INTO A LIFESTYLE.**

**THERE IS TODAY NO MORE IMPORTANT JOB TO DO THAN CLEANING UP GOVERNMENT AND BRINGING ACCOUNTABILTY BACK TO OTTAWA.**

**BECAUSE IF WE DON'T CLEAN UP GOVERNMENT, IT WILL COMPROMISE OUR ABILITY TO USE GOVERNMENT TO TACKLE THE CHALLENGES WE WANT TO GET ON WITH:**

- GETTING TAXES DOWN AND PRODUCTIVITY UP**
- RESTORING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE**
- COMBATTING THE SPREAD OF GUNS, DRUGS, GANGS AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN OUR CITIES**
- REBUILDING OUR ARMED FORCES AND OUR INFLUENCE ON THIS CONTINENT AND IN THE WORLD**
- SECURING THE UNITY OF OUR COUNTRY**
- AND SO MUCH MORE.**

## THE FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

THAT IS WHY I ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK THAT THE FIRST  
PIECE OF LEGISLATION I WILL INTRODUCE AS PRIME  
MINISTER WILL BE THE FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

THE FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT WILL CHANGE THE  
WAY BUSINESS IS DONE IN OTTAWA FOREVER.

IT WILL GIVE MORE POWER TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL,

THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER,

THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER,

AND THE LOBBYISTS REGISTRAR,

TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE INDEPENDENT OFFICERS OF  
PARLIAMENT CAN HOLD THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE.

IT WILL GIVE REAL PROTECTION TO THOSE WHO BLOW THE  
WHISTLE ON UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR.

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**IT WILL OPEN THE WINDOWS ON GOVERNMENT WITH LONG-OVERDUE REFORMS TO ACCESS TO INFORMATION LAWS.**

**IT WILL ENSURE THAT APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC OFFICE ARE BASED ON MERIT AND QUALIFICATIONS.**

**OUR FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT WILL ALSO CRACK DOWN ON THE REVOLVING DOOR BETWEEN MINISTERS OFFICES, THE SENIOR PUBLIC SERVICE, AND THE LOBBYING INDUSTRY.**

**WE WILL BAN ALL MINISTERS, MINISTERIAL STAFFERS, OR SENIOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS FROM LOBBYING GOVERNMENT FOR FIVE YEARS AFTER THEY LEAVE OFFICE.**

**AND WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE REAL TEETH AND REAL PENALTIES TO ENFORCE THE LOBBYISTS REGISTRATION ACT.**

**I HAVE TOLD MY OWN MPS AND PARLIAMENTARY STAFFERS THAT IF THEY HAVE AMBITIONS TO USE PUBLIC OFFICE TO ADVANCE THEIR OWN INTERESTS OR GET RICH LOBBYING A FUTURE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT,**

**– THEY HAD BETTER MAKE DIFFERENT PLANS, OR LEAVE.**

**I'VE ALSO SAID WE ARE GOING TO MANDATE THE AUDITOR GENERAL TO DO A COMPLETE REVIEW OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN FEDERAL GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND CONTRACTS.**

**THE FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT WILL GIVE HER THE POWER TO "FOLLOW THE MONEY" AND TO AUDIT END RECIPIENTS.**

**HAD SHE HAD THIS AUTHORITY, SHE MIGHT HAVE UNCOVERED THE DEPTH OF THE SPONSORSHIP SCANDAL YEARS AGO.**

**BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT WILL CRACK DOWN ON A BIG MONEY AND LOBBYING CULTURE THAT HAS THRIVED UNDER PAUL MARTIN.**

**AS PRIME MINISTER, I WILL BAN ALL REMAINING CORPORATE AND UNION DONATIONS TO FEDERAL POLITICAL PARTIES, PERIOD.**

**I WILL CLOSE THE LOOPHOLES THAT ALLOW M.P.S AND CANDIDATES TO CREATE SECRET PERSONAL TRUST FUNDS.  [\*\* 14 \*\*]**

**AND I WILL CAP DONATIONS TO FEDERAL POLITICAL PARTIES AT A MAXIMUM OF \$1,000 ANNUALLY.**

**THIS MEANS NO MORE LOBBYING THE PRIME MINISTER AT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS \$5,000 A TICKET COCKTAIL PARTIES.**

**PAR EXEMPLE, J'AI UNE LETTRE ENTRE MES MAINS SIGNÉE PAR LE PRÉSIDENT NATIONAL DE REVENU DU PARTI LIBÉRAL DU CANADA.**

**LA LETTRE DIT QUE SI VOUS SIGNEZ UN CHÈQUE DE CINQ MILLES DEUX-CENT DOLLARS**

**– ET PAS UN SOU DE MOINS - AU NOM DU PARTI LIBÉRAL DU CANADA.**

**VOUS POUVEZ VENIR CHEZ MOI, LE 14 NOVEMBRE POUR DISCUTER LES ENJEUX IMPORTANTS DE LA NATION AVEC LE PREMIER MINISTRE.**

**SI PAUL MARTIN VOULAIT RÉELLEMENT CHANGER LA FAÇON DE FAIRE LES CHOSES À OTTAWA ET FAIRE LE VRAI MÉNAGE, IL N'IRAI PAS À CE COCKTAIL PRIVÉ.**

**ON NE PEUT PLUS FAIRE LES CHOSES DE CETTE MANIÈRE.  
CELA DOIT CESSER.**

**FOR EXAMPLE, I HAVE IN MY HAND A LETTER FROM THE  
NATIONAL REVENUE CHAIR OF THE LIBERAL PARTY OF  
CANADA, BASED HERE IN TORONTO.**

**IT SAYS IF YOU ENCLOSE \$5,200**

- AND ONLY IF YOU ENCLOSE THE FULL AMOUNT**
- YOU CAN COME TO HIS HOME ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER  
14, TO DISCUSS “IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING CANADA  
TODAY” WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.**

**IF PAUL MARTIN IS SERIOUS ABOUT REFORMING THE  
LIBERAL PARTY, LET ALONE GOVERNMENT, HE WOULD NOT  
SELL ACCESS LIKE THIS.**

**HE WOULD END THIS WAY OF DOING BUSINESS. HE WOULD  
CANCEL THIS MEETING ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup>.**

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**THESE AND MANY MORE CHANGES ARE EXPLAINED IN  
DETAIL IN THE FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

- AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO READ IT**
- THEY WILL CHANGE THE WAY THAT POLITICS AND  
GOVERNMENT ARE DONE IN THIS COUNTRY.**

**NOW, YOU ARE NO DOUBT ALL WONDERING:**

**WHEN WILL THE PEOPLE OF CANADA GET THEIR CHANCE  
TO VOTE ON THIS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, OR ANY OTHER  
MATTER OF PUBLIC POLICY?**

**AS YOU ALL KNOW, IN THE SPRING, AFTER THE TESTIMONY  
OF JEAN BRAULT AT THE GOMERY COMMISSION, THE  
CONSERVATIVE PARTY WITHDREW OUR SUPPORT OF THE  
GOVERNMENT.**

**IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED WE ATTEMPTED TO  
DEFEAT THE GOVERNMENT.**

**WE WERE SUPPORTED IN THOSE ATTEMPTS BY THE BLOC  
QUEBECOIS AND INITIALLY ONE, LATER TWO, LIBERAL  
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.**

**THOSE ATTEMPTS WERE, HOWEVER, ULTIMATELY UNSUCCESSFUL.**

**THE LIBERALS WERE SUSTAINED IN OFFICE PRINCIPALLY BY THE SUPPORT THEY RECEIVED FROM MR. LAYTON AND THE NDP.**

**YESTERDAY, MR. LAYTON SPOKE HERE.**

**WHILE HE NOW APPEARS LESS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HIS SUPPORT OF THE LIBERALS,**

- HE ALSO REFUSES TO RULE OUT ANY COURSE OF ACTION,**
- INCLUDING CONTINUING TO NEGOTIATE HIS SUPPORT WITH THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT.**

**LET ME BE CLEAR.**

**THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY WILL NOT NEGOTIATE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WITH A PARTY THAT HAS NOW BEEN NAMED IN A JUDICIAL INQUIRY ON CORRUPTION.**

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**THE FATE OF THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE DECIDED, NOT BY A BACKROOM DEAL BETWEEN THE LIBERALS AND NDP OR ANYONE ELSE.**

**IT SHOULD BE DECIDED BY THE PEOPLE OF CANADA.**

**UNFORTUNATELY, OUR EXPERIENCE IN THIS PARLIAMENT SUGGESTS WE DO NOT HAVE THE VOTES TO DEFEAT THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE NDP.**

**WORSE YET, SHOULD WE AGAIN ATTEMPT TO BRING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT, MR. LAYTON WOULD NO DOUBT SEE OUR ATTEMPT AS POTENTIAL LEVERAGE IN HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LIBERALS,**

**– AS HE HAS ON OTHER OCCASIONS.**

**I WILL NOT ALLOW A CONSERVATIVE MOTION TO BECOME A BARGAINING CHIP IN A PARLIAMENTARY POKER GAME.**

**IF MR. LAYTON WANTS NOW OR AT ANY TIME TO BRING DOWN THE LIBERAL PARTY OVER ITS CORRUPTION AND IS PREPARED TO INITIATE MEASURES TO DO THAT,**

**– I ASSURE YOU WE WILL COOPERATE WITH AND SUPPORT THAT EFFORT.**

**IF HE IS NOT, CANADIANS WILL HAVE TO ASSESS HIS  
AMBIVALENCE ON CORRUPTION WHEN THIS BECOMES AN  
ISSUE THE VOTERS CAN ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING ABOUT**

**– AND IT WILL BE AN ISSUE IN THE NEXT ELECTION.**

**FRIENDS, NO GOVERNMENT IS PERFECT BECAUSE NO  
PEOPLE ARE PERFECT.**

**AS T.S. ELIOT REMINDED US, WE MUST AVOID “DREAMING  
OF SYSTEMS SO PERFECT THAT NO ONE WILL HAVE TO BE  
GOOD.”**

**WHATEVER THE SYSTEM OF RULES, WE HAVE A DUTY TO  
DO WHAT’S BEST FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD WHEN WE TAKE  
THE OATH OF PUBLIC OFFICE.**

**WHEN I BECOME PRIME MINISTER, THE FEDERAL  
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT WILL REQUIRE US TO SERVE THE  
PUBLIC INTEREST, AS BEST WE CAN DETERMINE IT**

**NOT OUR PERSONAL INTERESTS.  [\*\* 20 \*\*]**

**NOW THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THAT IT TOO IS COMITTED TO REFORM.**

**IT SAYS IT WILL BRING IN CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE.**

**IT SAYS IT WILL LISTEN TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE SECOND GOMERY REPORT.**

**WE WILL ALSO LISTEN TO THOSE IDEAS FOR REFORM.**

**BUT THIS IS SCANDAL DID NOT HAPPEN BECAUSE OF POOR AUDITORS OR BAD JUDGES.**

**IT IS A SCANDAL THAT HAPPENED BECAUSE OF THE CULTURE OF ENTITLEMENT THAT HAS DEVELOPED WITHIN THE LIBERAL PARTY.**

**AND THE LIBERAL PARTY HAS PROVED INCAPABLE OF REFORMING ITSELF.**

**IT ONLY ACTS AFTER IT HAS BEEN CAUGHT.**

**AND ITS ACTIONS ARE ALWAYS HALF MEASURES.**

**WE CANNOT CHANGE THE SYSTEM WITHOUT HOLDING ACCOUNTABLE THE PEOPLE WHO ALLOWED THIS TO HAPPEN UNDER THEIR WATCH.**

**THE LIBERALS MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE, BOTH FOR WHAT THEY DID, AND FOR WHAT THEY FAILED TO DO.**

**CREATING A DIFFERENT WAY OF DOING GOVERNMENT MUST BEGIN BY ELECTING A DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT.**

**BECAUSE ONLY A NEW GOVERNMENT WILL ENSURE THAT THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS RESPONSIBLE, INCLUDING THE LIBERAL PARTY ITSELF,**

- ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW.**

**AND ONLY A NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO BRING IN REAL REFORMS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE REMAINING PROBLEMS ROOT AND BRANCH.**

**THIS PLAN WHICH I HAVE INTRODUCED IS MY COMMITMENT TO CANADIANS TO CLEAN UP GOVERNMENT.**

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**IT IS MY PERSONAL WORD AS A TAXPAYER, AS A FATHER,  
AND AS A FELLOW CITIZEN.**

**I WANT TO GET THIS JOB DONE.**

**WHEN MY POLITICAL CAREER IS OVER, I WANT TO LEAVE  
KNOWING THAT FUTURE GOVERNMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE  
MORE HONEST, MORE ETHICAL, AND MORE ACCOUNTABLE.**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I HOPE TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE  
OF RETURNING TO ADDRESS THIS AUDIENCE ANOTHER  
TIME TO TALK ABOUT HEALTH CARE, OR PRODUCTIVITY, OR  
THE OTHER CHALLENGES FACING CANADA IN THE FUTURE.**

**AND I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO DO SO IN A CHANGED  
ENVIRONMENT**

- WHERE THE EXTENT OF SCANDAL HAS NOT AND  
CANNOT RE-OCCUR,**
- AND YOUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IS FREE TO  
ADDRESS THE OTHER CHALLENGES THAT FACE OUR  
GREAT COUNTRY.**

**WHETHER PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM HAVE BEEN AFFILIATED IN THE PAST WITH THE LIBERALS, CONSERVATIVES, NEW DEMOCRATS, OR HAVE HAD NO PARTY LEANINGS,**

- I WOULD URGE ALL OF YOU TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM.**

**I HOPE TO FORM A BROAD COALITION OF CANADIANS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, FROM ALL REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY.**

**A COALITION OF CANADIANS THAT WILL WORK TOGETHER AND STAND UP FOR CLEAN GOVERNMENT, STAND UP FOR CHANGE, AND STAND UP FOR CANADA.**

**THANK YOU. MERCI BEAUCOUP. GOD BLESS CANADA.**