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Member of Parliament
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Dear Members and Supporters of the Pathways Mental Illness Society,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health and high spirits. It is with great pleasure that I write to you today as the Member of Parliament for Burnaby North Seymour and as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. I extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the outstanding work you do in supporting individuals and families affected by mental illness.

The Pathways Mental Illness Society plays an invaluable role in our community by providing essential family support and information on major mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, borderline personality disorder, concurrent disorders, and anxiety disorders. Your dedication to offering free support services to families facing these challenges is commendable, and it is inspiring to witness the positive impact you have on the lives of so many.

The provision of support services is a fundamental aspect of creating an inclusive and compassionate society. By assisting families of loved ones living with serious mental illnesses, including bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, schizo-affective disorders, and borderline personality disorder, you provide a vital lifeline of assistance during their most challenging times. Your commitment to suicide intervention is especially significant, as it serves as a beacon of hope and helps save lives.

What makes the Pathways Mental Illness Society truly remarkable is the fact that it is a volunteer-driven and membership-based organization. Your collective dedication to supporting one another, sharing experiences, and offering a helping hand truly embodies the spirit of community. Through your tireless efforts in support, education, and advocacy, you continue to make a positive difference in the lives of countless families, empowering them to navigate the complex landscape of mental health.

As an elected representative, I recognize the importance of collaborative efforts between government, organizations, and communities to address the pressing challenges related to mental health. I firmly believe that a society is judged by how it cares for its most vulnerable members.

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Your ambitious work not only supports families but also raises awareness and contributes to the ongoing dialogue on mental health in our nation.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the Pathways Mental Illness Society and all its members and supporters. The luncheon you are organizing is an opportunity to celebrate your achievements, recognize the incredible work being done, and further strengthen the bonds of compassion and understanding within our community.

I regret that, due to parliamentary commitments, I will be unable to attend the luncheon in person. However, please be assured of my unwavering support for your cause and my commitment to advocating for improved mental health services at the national level.

I extend my warmest wishes for a successful event filled with camaraderie, inspiration, and renewed energy. Together, let us continue working towards a society that prioritizes mental well-being and supports those in need.

With gratitude and in your service,

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