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MESSAGE FROM ROB



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Statement by the Honourable Robert Oliphant Member of Parliament for Don Valley West on the situation in Israel & Gaza

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“With constituents all over Don Valley West, I was horrified by last week’s terrorist attack on Israel, the killing of Israelis and the taking of civilian hostages by the terrorist organization Hamas. I am both outraged and heartbroken at the loss of lives and the shattering of families and communities in Israel.

“I condemn these attacks in the strongest possible terms. There is simply no justification for such a horrendous attack.

“I join with the Government of Canada in clearly stating that Israel has a right to defend itself, recognizing it must do so in accordance with international law.

“That international legal regime includes Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention. Under such, collective punishment is prohibited. The United Nations and international humanitarian law require the protection of civilians. Civilians must be protected.

“As this week has unfolded, I and constituents all over Don Valley West, have been gravely concerned by Israel’s killing of Palestinian civilians in Gaza and horrified by the attacks on civilian men, women and children in Gaza’s residential neighbourhoods.

“I condemn these actions in the strongest possible terms. Even in the face of terrorism, international law must be upheld.

“In the weeks and months ahead, Canada and our allies must move urgently and responsibly to achieve an equal and fair two-state solution for Israel and the Palestinians. A just and sustainable peace with dignity for both Israelis and Palestinians is the only pathway to ending violence in the region.

“As we enter the second week of this most recent conflict, I appeal to all Canadians to be united in our resolve for justice, peace and prosperity for all, to listen carefully to each other as we join our hearts and minds with all those who are affected by the recent events in the region. Our humanity depends on it.”

MORE QUESTIONS?

My constituency office is open and my staff are in the office from Monday to Friday during regular business hours. If you wish to make an appointment, please call or email my office.

My staff and I are making every effort to ensure Don Valley West remains a strong and vibrant community. We will continue to respond to your letters, calls and emails.

If you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at rob.oliphant@parl.gc.ca or call **416-467-7275**. Please also connect with me on **Facebook**, **Twitter** or **Instagram** by clicking on any of the icons below.

All the best,

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