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Last evening, the Don Valley West Federal Liberal Association Executive held a meeting on an urgent basis to discuss this week's events and to provide me with solicited feedback received from a wide cross-section of our community.

From the Canada Child Benefit to the Canada Dental Care Plan, from \$10 a day childcare to reestablishing Canada and its role on the world stage, people in Don Valley West and throughout Canada can feel the meaningful difference our Liberal government made in everyday life. Don Valley West Liberals are united by their gratitude to Justin Trudeau for his leadership and his personal sacrifices in making this record of achievements a reality.

This record of achievements is now at risk. Don Valley West Liberals are committed to do everything possible to defend this record and the positive difference it has brought to Canadians, especially those more vulnerable among us, and to ensure it continues into the future. The feedback from Don Valley West, like those reported consistently by public opinions polls for well over a year, is that our Leader has become a key obstacle preventing many progressive voters who have supported our work from doing so again in the next election.

Don Valley West Liberals and I share profound gratitude for the Prime Minister for leading our party through three election campaigns and delivering monumental changes for Canada. We also have a shared view that him stepping aside to allow for new leadership will give our party the best chance in defending our hard-fought achievements under his leadership.

I consider Justin Trudeau to be a friend. We were elected together in the small class of 2008. I have witnessed firsthand his capacity to gather, inspire and motivate Canadians to dream bigger, to act with more kindness, and to do better. And Canada has done better. Nonetheless, it is time now for him to do his part to ensure that Canada remains strong and united in the face of changing continental and global reality.

With profound thankfulness and great respect, I join the Don Valley West Federal Liberal Association in requesting the Prime Minister take appropriate steps to relinquish the leadership of the Liberal Party of Canada to a new leader elected through a robust, open leadership contest.

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