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Dear Friends

On the occasion of Hunger Awareness Week, I wanted to take this opportunity and write to express my deep gratitude for you and your team's work in providing a crucial form of social assistance to vulnerable residents of Windsor-Tecumseh and the broader Windsor/Essex family.

To you falls the gratitude of an entire community for working selflessly in support of those unfortunate citizens upon whom recent economic troubles have visited their most severe hardships.

It was a privilege this year, in my capacity as Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, to co-host a Parliamentary Breakfast marking the end of a day-long fast in support of the food bank movement, and drawing attention to a demand for their services which has only intensified through the recession. The event was well-attended by representatives of all parties, and focused the attention of legislators from coast to coast to coast on the need to support the local work of food banks in their region.

Additionally, I rose in the House of Commons on the afternoon of Wednesday, 8 May 2013 to deliver a statement in recognition of the dedicated volunteers and staff who permit food banks nationwide to deliver the important services they do to individuals and families in need. I have enclosed a copy of the statement for your review.

Permit me to close by again thanking you for your tireless work over the past year and pledging whatever assistance I can to further your noble work in the future.

My very best, with the deep gratitude of our entire community,

Joe Comartin, M.P.

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