



## LaVar Payne, MP Medicine Hat Constituency

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LaVar Payne, Member of Parliament for Medicine Hat Constituency, wishes to thank all those who wrote messages or phoned during last week's terrorist attack here on Parliament Hill with well wishes, hoping for the safety and security of all in Ottawa.

"I received a number of emails and calls from concerned individuals, including many constituents. I thank all of you for your concern, and appreciate that you were in solidarity with us as we lived through the events that transpired in our Nation's Capital" said M.P. Payne.

The entire people of Canada is united in their praise and thanks to the brave men and women of our security/police services who so bravely acted to ensure that the terrorist could not do more damage. They are also eternally grateful for the life and service of Corporal Nathan Cirillo, and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent, two Canadian Forces members who died in the service of Canada.

Finally, all Canadians recognize the quick action of the Sergeant-at-Arms, a largely symbolic position historically, rooted in the best traditions of the Westminster Parliamentary system. It is fitting that the man currently filling that position, Mr. Kevin Vickers, stopped the terrorist and ensured that many more lives were protected from danger that day. "I, and all Canadians, owe a large debt of gratitude to Mr. Vickers for putting an end to the carnage that enveloped Ottawa on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014" said M.P. Payne.

As Prime Minister Harper exclaimed, Canadians will not be intimidated by acts of terrorism or cowardice. Canadians value liberty, peace, and freedom and we will continue to do so.  
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