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Dear Constituents of Winnipeg South Centre,

Upon becoming your Member of Parliament, I made a commitment to act with the utmost integrity in every action I undertake on your behalf. This does not mean that each decision must be based on unanimity. Rather, it means to be honest, open, and to make decisions with conviction, and only after thorough and thoughtful reflection.

It is with those principles in mind that today I call for a change in the leadership of the Liberal Party of Canada.

I do not arrive at this decision easily, nor do I make it happily. Far from it. It is the culmination of daily conversations with constituents, supporters, mentors, friends, and colleagues over a prolonged period, out of which has emerged a clear belief that it is time for change.

I wrestled deeply with this decision. In part, this is because I felt somehow as though I would be betraying my party, leader, and colleagues. As time has passed however, and the further I reflected on the conversations I have had with those I represent, I concluded that it is in fact the opposite, which is true.

If I do not advocate for what I believe is in the best interests of those I was elected to serve in Winnipeg South Centre, then I am not doing the job to the best of my ability. What I have heard consistently from the people I represent, is that they are not feeling alienated by progressive values and policies, but rather by our leadership.

I wish to sincerely thank the Prime Minister for his dedication to Canada, and all that he has done to move us forward. He is deserving of much recognition for the substantial contributions that he has made, inclusive of initiating major programs that matter deeply to our community, such as \$10/day childcare, a National School Food Program, the Canada Child Benefit, the Canadian Dental Care Plan, and meaningful action to protect our environment.

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Pierre Poilievre and the local Conservative candidate here in Winnipeg South Centre have made it clear that they will cut these programs and return us to the days of Stephen Harper.

My aim is to be a reasonable and balanced voice reflecting, and protecting, progressive values and policies in Winnipeg South Centre. I do not believe that a Conservative MP who will push Poilievre's agenda - one that is founded on division, fear, and the weaponization of an Americanized political culture – is in the best interests of our community.

As such, I must advocate for this change of direction so that those currently feeling alienated are more strongly reassured that the Liberal candidate, and the Liberal Party, is still worthy of their support.

I am absolutely committed to running for my seat in Parliament under the Liberal banner in the next election. I am grateful to the hundreds of constituents over the past few weeks and months, who have thoughtfully and openly conveyed their views to me in respectful ways on this topic. I am listening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Carr".

Ben Carr
Member of Parliament, Winnipeg South Centre