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Men invited to stand in solidarity to oppose violence against women

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OTTAWA – Member of Parliament Maurice Vellacott (Saskatoon-Wanuskewin) today in the House of Commons spoke on violence against women. He said:

Mr. Speaker, as noted, Canada is taking part in the worldwide campaign on 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence.

The reality is that violence against women still too often occurs in our society. The question used to be: why should we work with men and boys on ending violence against women and girls? The question now is: how can it be done?

I salute the white ribbon campaign, which began in Canada with a handful of men who decided to urge other men to speak out. Their work has been so recognized that we now see other groups involved in this campaign. Wearing the white ribbon represents a pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls.

Men and boys need to stand alongside women and girls when it comes to ending violence.

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