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## **Vellacott applauds support for communities targeted by hate-motivated crime**

**For Immediate Release**

**July 5, 2007**

**OTTAWA** – Today, Minister Day announced \$3 million for a new pilot program to support communities targeted by hate-motivated crime.

Maurice Vellacott, MP for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, wrote letters to Prime Minister Harper and Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day requesting this be done.

Vellacott said, “For the first time in our nation’s history, the Government of Canada is showing leadership in promoting safety among Canada’s most vulnerable communities.”

Canada’s Conservative Government is investing \$3 million in a pilot project to support those communities targeted by hate-motivated crime.

This program will allow such communities to apply for funding not available elsewhere to protect not-for-profit educational facilities, places of worship and community centres.

Vellacott said, “This announcement sends a strong message: Canada will not stand by and allow its citizens to live in fear.”

Application forms will be available shortly. Interested groups can call the department of Public Safety (613-991-0657).

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**For further comment, call (613) 992-1966 or 297-2249**

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February 7, 2007

Hon. Stockwell Day  
Minister of Public Safety  
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Dear Stock,

I write regarding the security of Canada's Jewish community.

Can the federal government allocate substantial financial resources to at-risk communities for upgrading their security infrastructure and maintaining appropriate security levels at their communal institutions, in partnership with those communities. I particularly have in mind the Jewish community schools and synagogues and their heightened need for security cameras, alarms, protective perimeter fencing and window bars, as well as hiring security personnel.

I look forward to your considered response to my query.

Yours sincerely,

Maurice Vellacott, MP