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MP's brother well qualified to work in constituency office

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SASKATOON – The following letter appeared in the Friday, June 27, 2008 issue of the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix:

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I've interacted with Maurice Vellacott's brother, who is one of his staff in his constituency office. He is a real "people person," with a heart to help others – an attitude that is a reflection of his older brother Maurice. I can only assume that their parents raised all of the siblings to show concern and caring. Tim is an immensely qualified person when it comes to problem solving and resolving situations on behalf of constituents. He is intelligent, a patient listener, practical and has good advocacy skills.

I understand that he managed a tux store, worked in retail sales and financial services, was employed by the Saskatchewan Social Services Department, and did social work on a contract basis with the province. He was a youth pastor and associate pastor, served as the director of a group home and has been a camp director. I know that immediately prior to applying at the MP's office, Vellacott worked at EGADZ for 14 years serving as director of the day support and back to school programs there. In those positions, he managed other staff and supervised youth.

As a man in his early fifties, he has a bachelor's degree, other professional training and extensive life and work experience. With those credentials, that he was the top candidate of 13 doesn't at all surprise me. In fact it would be pretty hard to match that. If the staff in all the MP offices are as qualified, then we are well served.

The MP only has a small staff to help constituents and he can't afford any dead weight.

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