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## Vellacott rises to recognize first anniversary of Conservative government ratifying the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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OTTAWA – Today, in the House of Commons, Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott (Saskatoon-Wanuskewin) recognized the first anniversary of the Conservative government's ratifying of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

**Maurice Vellacott:** Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to rise today to recognize the first anniversary of our Conservative government ratifying the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Our Conservative government is committed to removing barriers for persons with disabilities as they play a vital role in the success of our economy and our communities.

Can the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development please inform this House about the important investments our government is making toward this goal?

**Hon. Diane Finley (Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, CPC):** Mr. Speaker, through the RDSP, the enabling accessibility fund, and unprecedented investments in training, our government continues to break down barriers to ensure that all Canadians can participate in fully and contribute to our great country and economy. We are delivering for Canadians with disabilities.

I would quote Al Etmanski from the Plan Institute: "I believe this government is hands down the most effective federal champion people with disabilities have ever had."

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