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Eramelinda Boquer

Dear Mrs. Boquer,

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I am truly pleased that we recently able to discuss your inspiring Volunteerism Initiative. You no doubt know that it goes to the very heart of the work that I tried to achieve with my motion in the House of Commons on the national youth service policy. It's so important to get young people to value politics by getting politics to value young people.

A national youth service policy would offer to any young Canadian who wanted to serve their country, the opportunity to do so. It may seem obvious, but the reality is that we currently cannot meet the needs of all the tens of thousands of young people who wish to make a difference. We need to improve our current programs and create new one to invest in young people. Unfortunately, my motion failed to pass in the House.

However, it is heartening to see people from all walks of life try to achieve the same goals. While my work is focused on youth, there is no question that volunteerism should know no boundaries.

I have often said that the strength of my riding of Papineau resides in the spirit of people helping people. It is one of the values that bring us together as Canadians and it is precisely what is most needed these days.

The opportunity to invest in our communities and non-profit organisation, that do such a tremendous job already of helping out Canadians in times of need, is extraordinarily important. We need to make sure that our community organisations and the charitable entities, who work so hard to help out our seniors, youth, people with difficulty, working families or single mothers, and the list goes on, receive stable sources of help.

With the present economic situation, there has never been a greater need for an increase in volunteerism. It is for these reasons that volunteerism should be a priority for all Canadians, and that we should make every effort to support initiatives such as yours. I wish you the best of luck with your initiative, and I will continue to fight for this cause in all my political endeavours.

Congratulations again on your fantastic initiative.

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