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Dear Friends,

I am writing to you in this time of remembrance to affirm my commitment and the commitment of my Caucus to the Tamil community and your struggle for justice.

This May 18th marks ten years since the Mullivaikkal Massacre at the end of the decades-long civil war in Sri Lanka. As we have in the years before, New Democrats join with Tamil Canadians across the country in honouring and remembering the thousands of innocent civilians who were killed during the Tamil Genocide in Sri Lanka. We stand together with the Tamil community in their ongoing struggle for justice for the victims of the Tamil Genocide and in the need for formal recognition of this historical truth.

Ten years ago, I stood with community leaders and Tamil youth when they successfully led a blockade of the Gardiner Expressway in protest of the genocide and as a demand for political action and justice. New Democrats hosted the first Tamil Genocide remembrance ceremony here at Queen's Park in 2016. This year, we formally recognized the Mullivaikkal Massacre in the legislature. And this Thursday, May 16th, the Ontario NDP will be supporting *Bill 104, Tamil Genocide Education Week Act, 2019*.

Tamil Canadians have emerged as leaders in the fight for human rights and across all fields – whether it is business, academia, medicine, government, or the arts. Your leadership makes me hopeful for a future of peace, justice and recognition for the people of Tamil Eelam.

Thank you for your activism and commitment to human rights here and abroad. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office in the days to come.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature of Andrea Horwath, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a long, sweeping flourish.

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