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To Whom It May Concern:

I am proud to lend my support to the Vietnamese Boat People Museum Project.

This Museum will come thirty years after thousands of South Vietnamese refugees came to Canada. The hardships and tragedies were only known to these brave souls who became known as the Boat People...until now. The Vietnamese Boat People Museum will not only show the present generation of Vietnamese Canadians but all Canadians their plight. It will also stand as a testament to the endurance of life of these brave people. Freedom was their goal and it was attained through courageous efforts.

The Vietnamese community is an integral part of Ottawa Centre. This vibrant community is hardworking and successful. It is befitting that within the heart of our City the doors of this Museum will open to welcome, educate, and honour the lives of the Boat People. The Vietnamese Boat People Museum will be built on a foundation that will honour the sacrifices of those who gave their lives in the pursuit of freedom and will stand as a testament of those who arrived safely to build the dreams of the future.

The museum is a wonderful undertaking and many thanks are owed to the Vietnamese Canadian Federation. As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Ottawa Centre I proudly extend my wishes for the success of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Patten".

Richard Patten

Member of Provincial Parliament

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