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I extend my sincerest condolences to the Beth Israel Congregation and all those impacted by the brutal slaughter of thousands of civilians during the deliberate assault on October 7th by Hamas, a known terrorist organization whose only aim is the destruction of Israel and the murder of all Jews, and I support Israel's right and obligation to defend itself.

I stand with the peaceful and equitable resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict but do not in any way feel that this attack has anything to do with that intractable conflict.

To conflate these two crises belittles the efforts of many who have worked for peace between the Palestinians and is a cynical distortion of actual reality on the ground.

My office will work with fellow Members of Parliament to wholeheartedly support the federal government's initiatives in the critical work to combat antisemitism and islamophobia across this country.

As the Leader of his Majesty's Loyal Opposition, Pierre Poilievre has quoted:

"Canada is free, and freedom is its nationality" Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 1904.

In solidarity,

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