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Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M, C.D.
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Excellency:

As Leader of the New Democratic Party, I wish to inform you that, as of this writing, the opposition parties, who together constitute a majority in the House of Commons, have been in close consultation regarding the matter of confidence in this current government.

The Economic and Fiscal Update delivered by the Finance Minister showed that the government does not take the current global economic crisis seriously. They had an obligation to provide a strong stimulus package for the Canadian economy and help middle class and working families who are facing increasing economic pressure during these tough times.

As a result, I wish to inform you that my party and the other two opposition parties have lost confidence in this Conservative government.

The New Democratic Party and the Liberal Party are resolved to form a new government and, to this end, we have the support of the Bloc Québécois until June 30, 2010. This new government will effectively, prudently, promptly, and competently address the best interests of the people of Canada in these critical economic times.

I would like to respectfully advise you, given that a national election has recently occurred, that should a call for dissolution arise, you should exercise your constitutional authority and refuse the request. Instead, ask that the opposition parties form government.

I remind you that in the last election, the opposition parties garnered 7,520,767 votes, which amounted to 55% of the popular vote, and elected 163 Members of Parliament, which amounts to 53% of all seats in the House of Commons, reflecting the expressed support of a majority of Canadians.

Thank you for your utmost consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,

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