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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

As you know, many Torontonians were impacted by flash floods last week – damages that could exceed \$1 billion. Several food banks in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) were also devastated and lost a significant amount of food that was supposed to help a lot of people in dire need.

Yesterday, I met with some of those impacted. I heard about seniors living in a flooded co-op who were forced to shower in the school bathrooms. Food banks that had to throw out all their chicken, milk and eggs from broken refrigerators – these are the “golden eggs” for a food bank, now it’s just sour flies. Parents had to throw away their kids’ strollers for the third or fourth time because of sewage.

Your government needs to step up to support them. I’m calling on you to announce immediately that your government will:

- Provide the necessary support to GTA food banks to fully recover from flooding.
- Provide financial support for damaged homes.
- Fast track the implementation of a National Flood Insurance Program to backstop insurance coverage for hard to insure properties across Canada.
- Increase significantly funding to help Toronto and communities of all sizes across the country to adapt their infrastructure to withstand flooding and protect people’s homes.

Over the years, your government has consistently delayed climate action and support for everyday people feeling the impacts, while Pierre Poilievre prefers to deny the problem and threatens more Conservative cuts. I hope you'll act with the necessary speed this time.

I look forward to your response,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jagmeet Singh'.

Jagmeet Singh, MP (Burnaby South)
Leader of New Democratic Party of Canada