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Mr. Fred Eisenberger, Mayor of Hamilton,

As the Commanding Officer of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team (KPRT), I am sending you this letter to advise you that the flag you entrusted with Private Matthew Suffoletta and Sgt Dave Wheeler is indeed flying at the entrance of our camp, on the flag alley, amongst those of the hometowns of several of our members.

The KPRT is based in Camp Nathan Smith near Kandahar City in the southern province of Kandahar, which is one of the Afghan provinces in greatest need of support, and also among those most targeted by insurgents.

The nearly 500-person Canadian team combines the expertise of diplomats, corrections specialists, development experts, Canadian police, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and the military. The KPRT supports key initiatives in the province and carries out a broad range of mentorship roles such as training police officers and strengthening local governance capacity, in line with Canada's priorities in Afghanistan.

We work on projects that have short-, medium- and long-term effects. The most important accomplishments are the ones that will create sustainable benefits in the long term for the Afghan people. At the same time, we implement projects throughout the province with impacts that are felt immediately in order to meet the urgent day-to-day needs of Afghans.

Private Matthew Suffoletta and Sgt Dave Wheeler will be pleased to return your flag at the end of their tour in the Spring of 2010. In the meantime, I am sending you a photo of them holding your flag just before it went up on flag alley here at Camp Nathan Smith.

Kindest regards,

// SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY //

C.J. Turenne
Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Officer