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### **CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS GRATEFUL FOR DONATION BY THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS TO THE CANADIAN RED CROSS**

“On Monday, 24 September 2018, members of the Canadian Section of the Canada–U.S. Inter-Parliamentary Group met in Ottawa with five U.S. state legislators from the Council of State Governments: Kentucky Senate President Robert Stivers, who is also the CSG’s President for 2018, Delaware Representative Helene Keeley, Illinois Senator Elgie Sims, Montana Representative Kimberly Dudik and Wisconsin Representative Joan Ballweg,” said the Honourable Wayne Easter, P.C., M.P., Co-Chair of the Canada–U.S. Inter-Parliamentary Group. “The U.S. delegation arrived in Ottawa on Sunday, in the aftermath of the tornados – and consequential damage to lives and property – that had struck the Ottawa–Gatineau region the previous Friday. During that meeting, Senator Stivers told us that the Council of State Governments had made a donation to the Canadian Red Cross to support relief and recovery efforts.”

Senator Michael L. MacDonald, Co-Chair of the Canada–U.S. Inter-Parliamentary Group’s Canadian Section, concluded: “On behalf of all Ottawa–Gatineau region residents affected by the tornados, the Canadian parliamentarians at that meeting were deeply grateful for the Council of State Governments’ words of support as the region recovers from the devastation, and for the generous donation to the Canadian Red Cross to assist in those efforts. Both are a manifestation of the reality that, in times of crisis, our two countries come together. The bonds that we share are – indeed – broad and deep. Truly, in a ‘hands across the border’ way, we are families, friends and allies that provide each other with support as the situation requires. I know that I’m not alone in thanking the Council of State Governments for its friendship and support.”

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