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MP Sahota Highlights National Seniors Day

October 1st, 2018 – Ottawa, ON – Ms. Ruby Sahota, MP for Brampton North, wishes to take a moment on National Seniors Day to thank our elders for their hard work, wisdom, and guidance.

Our seniors have supported their families through the decades, working at one job or more so their kids could have the best start possible in life. So many seniors have spent a lifetime in service to others. Every day, they raise, mentor, and teach future generations, lift communities through volunteer work, and share much-needed wisdom and perspective.

In less than 20 years, Canada’s seniors will represent almost a quarter of our population. The new Minister of Seniors, Filomena Tassi, is leading the Government of Canada’s efforts to better understand the needs of Canadian seniors and make sure they get the support they need.

We are working hard every day to give seniors, their families, and future retirees greater security and a better quality of life. We have enhanced the Canada Pension Plan, lowered the age of eligibility for Old Age Security benefits from 67 to 65, and boosted the Guaranteed Income Supplement by nearly \$1,000 a year for vulnerable seniors.

We have improved EI caregiver benefits to make it easier for Canadians to care for a family member in need. We have also committed \$6 billion in funding to provinces for better home care, including palliative care, and taken steps to create safer, more accessible, and affordable housing, so more Canadians, including seniors, have a comfortable place to call home.

“I want to say thank you and recognize seniors in Brampton North for everything they have done, and continue to do, for our community,” said MP Sahota. “Trailblazers, role models, and unsung heroes, our seniors have shaped our city and our country in countless ways, and paved a better future for us all. Our government is committed to investing in our Seniors and that is why they will see a \$90 increase in their OAS starting this month.”

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