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To;

Friends Of Our Fallen

Reference: Never Forgotten National Memorial

Dear Friends of Our Fallen,

My wife, Carmen and I ventured to the Netherlands, Belgium and France in September 2014 with a small cadre of friends to visit as many monuments and battle sites which our Canadian service men fought and fell for our freedom that we enjoy today. We felt as Canadians we had to visit as many Commonwealth Graves to pay our respect to our fallen. Each site was extremely moving but the site that took our breath away was Vimy Ridge. It was an overcast and rather foreboding day but it seemed fitting. We felt extreme pride with profound sadness and the same time reverence while looking at Mother Canada with arms out-stretched pointing to Canada. This is why we came to Europe. This is our Vimy Ridge. We wish every Canadian were able to make the trip to see but more importantly feel what we felt. As we know this is not possible thus making the Never Forgotten National Memorial project that much more important.

Our fallen Canadians are resting not in Canada but in hallowed graves overseas and it is upon us who are free as a direct result of their supreme sacrifice, that we must bridge the vast ocean having this wonderful monument in Cape Breton at Green Cove pointing to Vimy. A national memorial in a national park gives them that connection and us a monument to never forget. This would be our way of preserving a lasting memorial resting place in Canada for our service men who gave us so much.

On behalf of our family, I thank you for your vision, leadership and ultimate respect for this wonderful memorial for all Canadians to experience and appreciate. Carmen was born in Neil's Harbour and spent her early years in Ingonish Beach and we all strongly support this very necessary memorial.

Best regards,

Ferguson & Carmen Mobbs