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We're with you, Jack

It's a testament to Jack Layton's remarkable qualities, both as a political leader and as a person, that so many of us across Canada regard him as "family." It's not just that we share the same values of justice, prosperity, sustainability, equality and peace; or that we admire the way he's brought Canadians together so they dare to dream of a country where those values will be realized; or even how artfully he's been able to accomplish this, letting the strengths of all combine in a political movement that is truly greater than the sum of its parts.

It's that he welcomes each as a friend, and member of his extended family. In the half-dozen occasions I've had the opportunity to speak with Jack, he's listened attentively, responded thoughtfully, laughed wryly, smiled engagingly, and given and taken advice — in short, everything that a loved and trusted family member would do.

I've no doubt he's extended that same warmth and candour to every one of the millions of Canadians he's spoken with. And like family, we draw together in strength and stand behind him when he, in turn, needs strength to draw on. Jack, Canada is with you, as you have been with us.

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