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I continue to be honoured and extremely grateful for the support and cooperation I have received from the good folks in the Golden Horseshoe Region of this province. We are a large and diverse group of ridings with a wide range of strengths and interests.

As a region, we have had many successful Regional meetings designed to meet the concerns of our members. I take this opportunity to thank Janice White from Mississauga South, and Dwayne Wanner and Diane Elliott from Burlington who have hosted these meeting during this last year or so.



As with any organization, it is important to have strong engaged team members. Golden Horseshoe is blessed with such members. I particularly want to congratulate and thank the three Golden Horseshoe Area Directors who are all hardworking dedicated volunteers. Imran Mian, Al Wilson and Sue Barnett thank you for your outreach efforts in your respective areas. Finally, I would like to thank Tasha Ismail who has been a tremendous resource for the Golden Horseshoe over the last 2 years. She is always readily available to lend her assistance and advice to ridings in our region, and is an integral part of our team.

As President for The Golden Horseshoe I have brought your concerns to the management table at every opportunity. I have been particularly concerned about ensuring we are able to provide a vehicle for the members of our EDAs to have a voice in the direction we as a party takes. With the assistance of my colleague Maryanne Kampouris, we have been able to provide many policy focused meetings and discussions in this region. I was extremely proud to see so many of our region's resolutions make to the biennial in January. **CONGRATULATIONS GOLDEN HORSESHOE!**

As a region, we have faced some challenges over the last little while. I have been exceedingly impressed by the enthusiasm, strength and action the GH EDAs have demonstrated to take these challenges head on. The Golden Horseshoe has stepped up to work towards the rebuilding of our party by keeping their associations active and thriving. Our members have sent a clear message that Liberals in this area are here to stay and are willing to continue working hard make a difference.

A leadership contest, one member one vote will occur sometime between March and June next year. We have an opportunity under the new supporters initiative to bring huge numbers of new voices to the table. The immense talent and resources in our region will undoubtedly set an example for others to follow. I look forward to working with all of you on this and more in the future.