



## Office of the Chair

September 26, 2008

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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper  
Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada  
#1204-130 Albert Street  
Ottawa, ON  
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Dear Prime Minister,

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The Honourable Stephane Dion  
Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada  
1740 boul. Cote-Vertu  
St. Laurent, QC  
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Ms. Elizabeth May  
Leader of the Green Party of Canada  
New Glasgow Green Party Office  
121 George Street  
New Glasgow, NS  
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Mr. Jack Layton  
Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada  
1478 Danforth Avenue  
Toronto, ON  
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