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Dear Mr. President:

I join my fellow Canadians in extending to you, and to the people of the United States of America, our sincere expression of solace and remembrance on the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

On that infamous morning, the world witnessed murderous acts of terrorism in New York City, Virginia and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Canadians joined their American neighbours, friends and family in mourning the nearly 3,000 innocent lives lost that day, including Canadians. Ten years later, we pay tribute to the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks, and honour the survivors and families whose lives were forever altered that day.

September 11 also illustrated the enduring bonds of friendship between Canada and the United States, exemplified when ordinary citizens in the town of Gander, Newfoundland and cities throughout Canada, opened their homes and hearts to travellers whose flights had been diverted. Canadians, and the world, drew inspiration from the solidarity, strength and tremendous courage shown on September 11 and in the days following.

Rather than jeopardize our way of life, September 11 reinforced the collective resilience of the United States and Canada, and bolstered our resolve to forge a path to ever-greater mutual and international security. In the last decade, Canada has stood shoulder to shoulder with the United States to fight terrorism worldwide, most notably in Afghanistan, and to ensure greater security for our citizens at home.

The President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

On this solemn anniversary, Canada affirms our commitment to stand together with our American friends and allies against the threat of global terrorism, and to uphold our two great nations' shared principles of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. At this time of remembrance, and in the years ahead, Canadians will continue to keep the victims and families of September 11 in our thoughts and prayers.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Stephen Harper", written in a cursive style.