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Dear Madam Mayor:

Thank you for your letter congratulating me on my reappointment as Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence. I also appreciate your sending me the City of Victoria's Strategic Plan for 2019–2022.

The men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces devote the best years of their lives to serving our country and protecting our freedom. For that, we owe them the best possible support as they transition to post-military life.

Over the last four years, our Government has introduced several new and enhanced benefits that target all aspects of our Veterans' well-being. We will continue to move forward in our efforts to ensure that they and their families get the help they need.

In addition to leading Veterans Affairs Canada, I am committed to working with all levels of government on behalf of Canadians from coast to coast to coast.

Again, thank you for your kind words. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



