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Bevington Urges Area Donations to Red Cross for Haiti Earthquake

Fort Smith, NT – In the wake of the coastal, catastrophic 7.0 earthquake near Port-Au-Prince in Haiti Tuesday, Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington is urging constituents to give “as generously as possible” to the Canadian Red Cross.

“Haiti is so vulnerable and impoverished with political instability so this natural disaster will be particularly damaging to the people with potentially large numbers dead and injured,” Bevington said. Bevington and his NDP colleagues are urging the Canadian government to act immediately in sending in the DART rescue team (Disaster Assistance Relief Team) and coordinating the aid effort.

Canadians are encouraged to support Red Cross relief efforts by making a financial donation to the Canadian Red Cross Haiti Earthquake fund. Donations can be made online at <https://redcross.csfm.com/haiti/index.php>, by calling toll free 1-800-418-1111.

“The Red Cross has a good reputation in this emergency aid as we saw with the tsunami in Southeast Asia and I understand the local Red Cross office on will be receiving money and we can wait to hear about requests for other types of assistance or material.”

Bevington said the New Democrat caucus discussed the Haiti earthquake in a conference call last night, and it is one of the reasons the NDP caucus decided to come to Ottawa Jan. 25-27 to monitor the Canadian government response.

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