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*I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 2008 "Ride for Karen" fundraising cycling challenge.*

*Cancer affects the lives of thousands of Canadians, including many children. Everyone involved with this cycling event, organized in memory of Karen Tobias, may take satisfaction in knowing that the funds raised will help to send a number of children affected by cancer to camp. These retreats — at Camp Quality, Camp Oochigeas and Camp Trillium — offer children positive recreational experiences that help them to build confidence and make new friends in a fun and caring environment.*

*Since 2002, Ride for Karen has been dedicated to improving the quality of life of children and families fighting this disease. I would like to commend Kirk and Kris Tobias, Karen's sons, for their hard work and commitment to this most worthy cause. I would also like to thank everyone involved with this fundraiser for their generosity: your efforts in bringing hope and comfort to so many families are deeply appreciated.*

*On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my best wishes for a most exciting and memorable event, as well as every success in meeting your fundraising objectives.*

*The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.*

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