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Dear Supporters,

Again we see the Government heavy money grab surfacing at our Military/RCMP personnel, while they have little protection available to them.

Thank you Mr. Stoffer, MP for fighting for service personnel issues.

Sincerely,

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO CANCEL PLANS TO CHARGE CANADIAN FORCES MEMBERS FOR PARKING AT BASES

FALL RIVER, N.S. The Conservative government should rescind their directive to DND to charge Canadian Forces and DND employees for parking at military bases across the country, says Peter Stoffer, NDP Veterans Affairs Critic and Jack Harris, NDP Defence Critic.

It is a slap in the face to the men and women in the Canadian Forces for this government to begin charging them for parking, says Stoffer. CF members and their families sacrifice so much in service to our country. Members of the CF face multiple deployments, frequent moves, long hours without overtime pay, and occupational risks that many public servants never face. They see free parking as one of the small workplace perks that they have.

This is a ridiculous idea, says Harris. It is an example of how this Conservative government says they support the troops but then nickel and dime them for something like employee parking. We urge the Conservative government to put a stop to plans to charge military members for parking.

A recent memo circulated by Maritime Forces Atlantic (MARLANT) indicates they have absolutely no choice but to start charging for parking for those who have assigned spots. And charges will likely be coming soon for those who have scramble parking.

Implementing this new parking policy will be very costly for DND to administer and enforce and it appears this is the reason that DND has ignored this directive by the Treasury Board for many years, said Stoffer. But it appears the federal government is forcing DND to implement this new pay for parking system. We expect that the federal government will eventually mandate pay for parking for all federal government employees throughout the country including at airports.

We have heard from Canadian Forces personnel who find this change in policy insulting and degrading and see it as a money grab by the federal government, said Harris. We urge the Conservative government to cancel this new pay for parking requirement at all DND bases so that CF members do not have to pay for parking.

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