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Mrs. Halina Marszalek McGregor
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Dear Mrs. Marszalek McGregor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your understanding during the coordination and ultimately the cancellation of the scheduled trip to Poland for the funeral service of President Lech Kaczynski.

Although I was unable to attend the funeral, I was honoured to be in attendance at the Memorial Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Mississauga on April 15, the National Day of Mourning. It was deeply moving to join with members of the Polish-Canadian community to remember the contributions of President Kaczynski, First Lady Maria Kaczynska, and the 95 others who so tragically lost their lives. I will be sending to Poland the Books of Condolences, along with the Canadian and Polish flags that flew at half-mast on Parliament Hill during the National Day of Mourning.

On behalf of the Government of Canada and all Canadians, I wish to express my sincere condolences to the families and friends of those who perished in this terrible tragedy, and to the Polish people for their loss. Canadians value our strong friendship with Poland, and we stand in solidarity with the Polish people and the Polish-Canadian community in their grief.

Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada