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Vellacott applauds tentative agreement with Correctional Officers in Saskatoon-Wanuskewin

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OTTAWA – Today Saskatoon-Wanuskewin Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott said, “I am pleased that the government has broken a four-year stalemate to reach a tentative agreement with Canada’s Correctional Officers on a new collective agreement. Canadians expect us to work together to provide the public services that they depend on, and we’ve done just that by getting this tentative deal done.”

The Union of Canadian Correctional Officers – Syndicat des agents correctionnels du Canada (UCCO-SACC-CSN), the bargaining agent for the Correctional Services (CX) group, and Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat (TBS) have been negotiating a new contract since May 2002.

Discussions with the bargaining agent held over the last months have led to a tentative agreement on a new collective agreement.

The agreement provides for a number of measurers to be included in a new collective agreement that will be in effect until May 31, 2010. It is expected that members of the UCCO-SACC-CSN will be called to vote on the tentative agreement in a couple weeks.

Vellacott said, “The Government has made restoring safety and security to communities across the country a priority. The men and women who work in federal penitentiaries, parole offices and community correctional centres make an important contribution to this commitment every day. The Government recognizes that Correctional Officers operate in a difficult and dangerous environment.”

Vellacott concluded, “We are confident that this tentative agreement will lead to a new collective agreement that is fair and reasonable for Correctional Officers, for the employer, and for Canadian taxpayers.”

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