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Dear Constituent,

Affirming Heterosexual Marriage

As you know, marriage has from time immemorial been reserved for a heterosexual union. By its nature marriage is heterosexual.

The overwhelming view of constituents who have contacted my office by e-mail, phone, fax and letters is in support of heterosexual marriage grounded in our nature of two different but complementary genders.

The core elements of this understanding of marriage include:

- Marriage is based on the free consent of one man and one woman to join as husband and wife in a union of life together.
- Marriage is truest to its nature when it is monogamous and faithful.
- Marriage provides a safe environment for human procreativity. The conjugal union between a man and a woman is the only social union that can be a reproductive union.
- Marriage best provides for the nurture of children. It directs fathers and mothers to support and care for their children.
- Marriage establishes the norm that children have a primary right and a need to know, be connected to, and to be raised by their own mother and father, unless exceptional adverse circumstances dictate otherwise.
- Marriage binds together past and future generations.
- Marriage pre-exists the state and religion. While it is appropriately recognized and regulated by the state and/or religions, it is not created or determined by them.
- While marriage has a unique and indispensable place, it is not necessary for every person to enter this form of social union. Other forms of personal relationship have their own purpose.

We, in the Canadian Alliance, believe that the Liberal government's proposed course of action, to redefine marriage, will take us in a direction that is totally outside the history, tradition and values of Canadian society. It threatens to impede the ability of governments to develop public policies that promote the distinct characteristics of marriage, encourage intact families and support the relationship of children to their mothers and fathers.

Sincerely,



Maurice Vellacott, M.P.

About Maurice Vellacott, MP

Family

Maurice Vellacott is 48 and has been married to Mary for 27 years. They have four children and two grandchildren. Mary is the daughter of George B. (deceased) and Mary Guenter of the Hague area, now of Warman. Maurice's grandfather, Peter H. Neufeld, operated a Warman garage for many years. Maurice grew up in rural Saskatchewan, and currently resides in Saskatoon in the constituency.



Education

Bachelor's degree at Briercrest Schools, a master's degree at Canadian Theological Seminary (University of Regina affiliated) and an earned doctoral degree from Trinity International University in Chicago.

Employment

Has been a small business partner/landlord. Maurice served as a pastor, a college teacher at Bethany in Hepburn, and a health care worker at Rosthern Mennonite Nursing Home and other institutions.

Memberships & Involvement

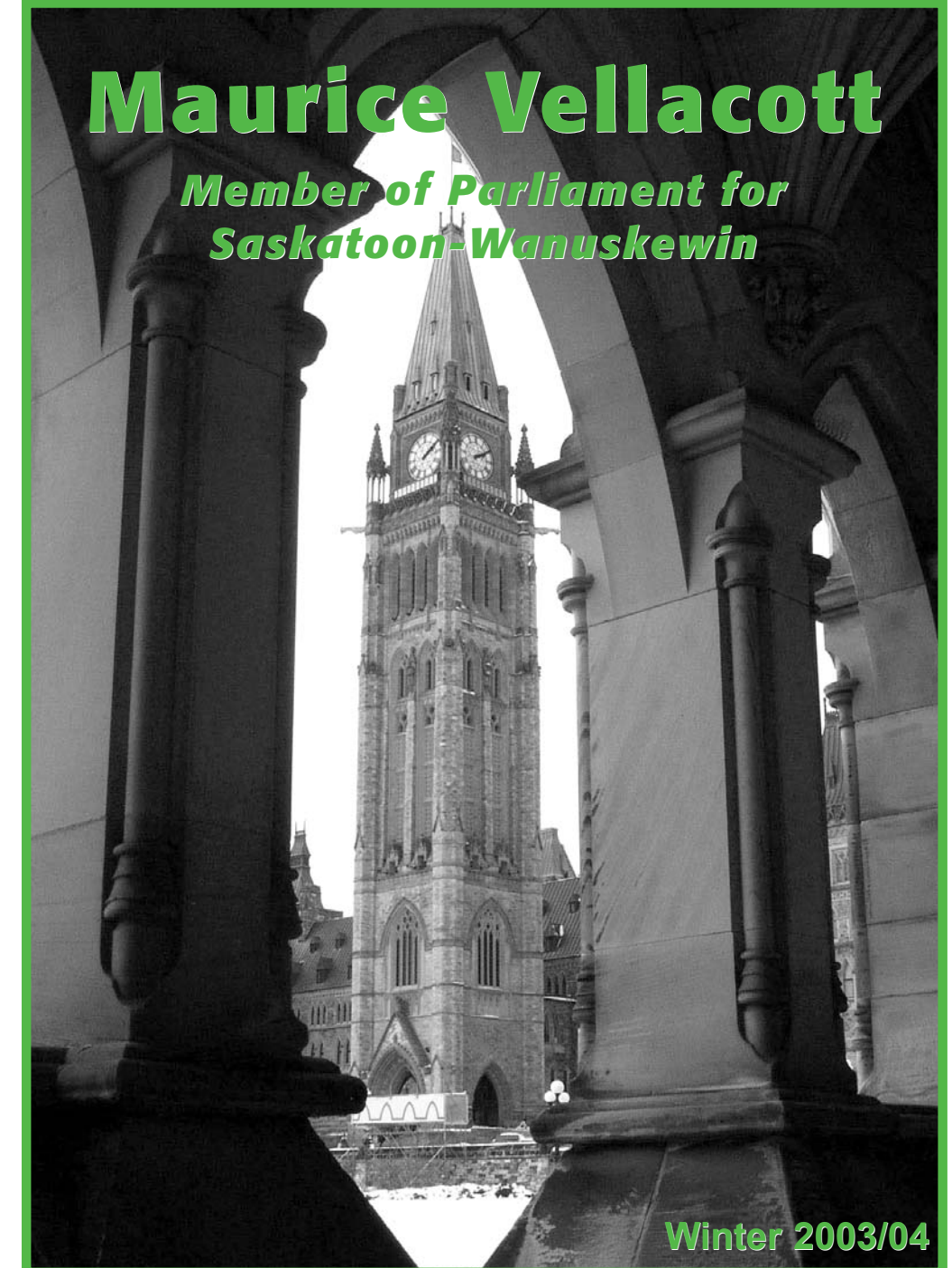
Canadian Club, Canadian Palliative Care, Sask. Pro-Life, Sask. Landlords, Sask. Taxpayers, Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Chamber of Commerce, North Saskatoon Business Association, Toastmasters International, supporter of Focus on the Family, founding Board Member of Real Choices Crisis Pregnancy Centre in Saskatoon.

Experience

- Elected to Saskatoon District Health Board, 1995
- Elected Reform Member of Parliament for the Wanuskewin Constituency, 1997
- Re-elected Canadian Alliance MP for the Saskatoon-Wanuskewin Constituency, 2000
- Served as Deputy Critic for Health
- Deputy Critic for Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC), and Vice-Chair of HRD Parliamentary Standing Committee
- Member, sub-committee on Status of Persons with Disabilities, HRDC
- Deputy Critic for Aboriginal Affairs, and Vice-Chair of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and Natural Resources
- Co-chair, all-party Pro-Life Caucus
- Member, Canadian Alliance Family Caucus

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Member of Parliament for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin



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