February 3, 2004

Dear neighbour:

I am uncertain as to your political views but am writing to you today to ask you to consider who you want as your representative in Ottawa. Under redistribution "The Slopes" is now part of the Calgary West federal riding. Previously our community was in the riding of McLeod and was represented by Dr. Grant Hill.

With the merger of the Canadian Alliance and Progressive Conservative parties a candidate will be selected in March to represent the new Conservative party in the spring federal election. The current Member of Parliament for Calgary West is Rob Anders. Mr. Anders has been MP for the past eight years. He is seeking the nomination again. He is being opposed by Alison Redford. I am supporting Ms. Redford.

Mr. Anders believes the role of an MP is "to express **his** views in Ottawa." Ms. Redford believes the role of a Member of Parliament is "to express **your** views in Ottawa."

Enclosed is Mr. Anders most recent circulation to Canadian Alliance members in Calgary West. Not once in the letter does he outline what he has accomplished for his riding in the past eight years. He talks a lot about what he stands for but little about what residents of Calgary West want him to stand for. Mr. Anders most recognizable contributions in the past eight years included a public apology and out of court settlement with a prominent member of the Calgary Jewish community for an article he penned in a local newspaper, leading a free Tibet demonstration at the Chinese Consulate when he was invited as a special Parliamentary guest and his lone voice of dissent denied the House of Commons unanimous consent to grant Nelson Mandela an honorary Canadian citizenship.

I will certainly not stand by idly and allow Mr. Anders to be my choice as candidate when I want to vote for the new Conservative party in the next general election. I would ask you to consider the same if you want to support the Conservative party. In order for that to occur we must ensure Mr. Anders is defeated in the party nomination March 27. If you would like to meet Alison Redford, I am hosting an evening at my home Wednesday February 11 @ 7 PM. Please drop by for a glass of wine and meet Alison and if you so choose support her candidacy. If you are unable to attend please contact me and indicate if you want to know more about supporting Alison.

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Nominate
Rob Anders
Proven Conservative!

MP for Calgary West

26 January 2004

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Hope,

The other day I stopped to think about what it was that caused me to join the Reform Party--a decision that led me to actively got involved and ultimately to become your Member of Parliament.

I joined Reform because I was deeply troubled with what the government was doing to our country. But I also joined because it stood for the things I believe in: lower taxes, safer streets, democratic reform and family values.

I still believe in those things, even after all our party has been through. And I bet you do too. We're people who really want to change the direction of this country--not just change the party in power.

Now that we've merged with the Progressive Conservatives, our party is home to a wider variety of beliefs. Who we are and what we stand for hasn't been settled yet.

My opponent is a self-described Red Tory and a long-time Joe Clark supporter.

<u>The nomination race in Calgary West is one battle among many for the heart and soul of this new party.</u>

Are we a party that supports the traditional definition of marriage or should we support gay marriage? You know where I stand on this issue. My opponent has refused to say.

Don't get me wrong, I'm a strong advocate of the merger. The Canadian Alliance, and particularly our Board in Calgary West, have been exceedingly generous to the Tories.

From the start, we have agreed to treat unequals equally.

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Despite the fact the Tories have a membership that is less than half the size of the Alliance's, we agreed to a leadership selection process where a leadership candidate who doesn't win a majority of the votes can still win the race.

In Calgary West, our Board agreed to run a slate of 50% Alliance members and 50% Tories, so the Tories would be equal in numbers on the Board despite their small membership in the riding.

The Board even agreed to give my opponent the maximum amount of time to organize her nomination campaign. They have set the nomination date in Calgary West to March 27, only seven days from when we expect the next federal election to be called.

The merger really has made unequals equal. I may be the two-term incumbent Member of Parliament for Calgary West but my re-election is no more certain than Stephen Harper's.

I want to continue to represent you because our work in Ottawa isn't done. Now more than ever, we need a government that is committed to lowering taxes, making our streets safer, will deliver on democratic reform and respects family values.

If you want a proven conservative as your voice in Ottawa, I need your help.

[redacted] please make a financial contribution to my campaign. Simply fill out the reply form and mail it back with your contribution in the enclosed return envelope.

You can also help by volunteering. I could sure use your help stuffing mail, phoning and meeting with members.

Like I said, this nomination isn't going to be easy. The Board in Calgary West has gone out of its way to make this nomination competitive.

If you want a proven conservative as your voice in Ottawa, we will have to work harder than ever before.

Sincerely,

Rob Anders
MP for Calgary West

PS: My opponent in this race is already out campaigning. Please act now by making a financial contribution or volunteering so we can keep Calgary West truly conservative.

P.P.S. Thanks for all your help. I wish things had worked out differently with Chris. I am truly sorry about all that. All my best.