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Dear Ron

Although we have talked many times since the campaign ended, I just wanted to write to you to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your advice, direction and support during the nomination campaign in Calgary West. It seems a bit odd to write this note, because I truly believe that words cannot express how important your support was to me in the past five and a half months.

Despite your real life commitments of work and family, you were always there for me. Until I was a candidate (and I could feel that happening more day by day!), I did not understand how much I would depend on you.

Fortunately, we got along – the world is probably a much calmer place when two personalities like ours do get along, because the alternative could be earth shattering!

I hope that I truly appreciate the sacrifice that you and Linda made to support me in this process. When I think back to the more challenging times, you were always there – at town hall meetings and debates - and your daily phone calls always seemed to hit exactly the right note to keep me going and positive.

Although we did not win, we were successful. We had a very strong group of supporters and volunteers who worked for five longs months and who sought strong representation for Calgary West and a new united conservative alternative that can be elected from coast to coast across this country.

As Conservatives, we must continue to work to ensure that Canadians trust us and believe in us so that we can form a national government that represents conservative values, integrity, compassion and accountability to Canadians.

I believe that we also have a responsibility to be a strong, credible voice for Alberta and for Calgary in particular. That will be even more important in the coming decade as we look at the possibility of significant change in how we are governed, particularly in the context of federal provincial relations.

Until I did this, I did not truly understand what a unique experience it was to be a candidate and I am grateful that you were with me from the beginning to the end. I am glad that we did this for many reasons, but if there was no other reason I am glad that I did this because I met you and now have a new friend that I could not have met any other way!

Again, many thanks for your support and I look forward to assisting you wherever I can in the future.

