



Ms. Karen Hunter  
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Dear Ms. ~~Hunter~~:

*Karen,*

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for the *In Our Fathers' Footsteps* initiative to carry a torch of remembrance along the route that Canadian troops bravely tread 75 years ago during the Liberation of the Netherlands.

*The Canadian Remembrance Torch* will no doubt add much meaning to your journey as you and the other pilgrims remember your relatives' courage, achievements and great sacrifice for the freedom we cherish today. With its roots back to the famous poem *In Flanders Fields* by the forefather of remembrance, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, the symbolism will surely not be lost on anyone, especially Canadians. For many years, Veterans Affairs Canada has used similar symbolism, referring to the "passing of the torch of remembrance onto the next generation" as one of our top priorities.

Again, I am pleased to offer my support for *The Canadian Torch of Remembrance*. Your organization's commitment to paying tribute to those who served is to be applauded. I wish you all the best as you prepare for your journey, one that will no doubt be remembered by many in your group for generations to come.

Respectfully,

W.J. Natynczyk  
General (Retired)  
Deputy Minister