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Hon. John McKay P.C.

Member of Parliament
Scarborough – Guildwood

Jüri Ratas
Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia
Stenbock House
Rahukohtu 3, 10130 Tallinn, Estonia

Dear Prime Minister Ratas,

I was pleased to learn that the Estonian Institute of Historical Memory has proposed the development of an international research centre and museum at Patarei prison complex in Tallinn. I am writing to express my full support for this project, which aims to investigate and raise the awareness of crimes of Communism in Baltic States, Europe and around the world.

Estonians are well aware of the legacy of Soviet and Nazi totalitarianism. Redeveloping Patarei prison complex into a place of reflection, research and education will help ensure global citizens are informed of the historical injustices committed. Through learning from the past, we can ensure that freedom and democracy are valued and protected by future generations.

Mr. Prime Minister, I hope that the Government of Estonia will give the Patarei prison complex project favourable consideration.

Sincerely,

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