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Statement on the UJA Community Rally for Sderot in the House of Commons
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Hon. Joseph Volpe (Eglinton-Lawrence, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, on Monday night in Toronto I joined more than 2,000 fellow citizens connected live via satellite with hundreds in the Israeli border town of Sderot, thanks to the efforts of the United Jewish Appeal Federation of Greater Toronto.

The objective was two fold: first to show solidarity with men and women who, together with their families, are prepared to endure ongoing physical and psychological trauma to live according to the values and tenets that have become iconic in western democratic societies.

Second, to draw attention to the ongoing terror visited upon them by outlaw organizations such as Hamas in Gaza

In the last seven years, Hamas has rained 8,000 missiles and rockets upon Sderot and its citizens. That is more than three missiles per day, every single day of the year, and with impunity.

The citizens of Sderot are fighting Hamas with their courage. Will our government match it with a public condemnation of Hamas' criminal activity?