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Speaker: The Honourable Peter Milliken

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**Mrs. Susan Kadis (Thornhill, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, in the recent earthquake in Sichuan province, thousands of people have perished, been injured and displaced. Canadians are standing in solidarity with the victims, offering their support to help alleviate the suffering and provide a lifeline of hope.

Last week I was proud to stand with Dr. Ken Ng , Chair of the Federation of Chinese Canadians in Markham, as we launched together a campaign to raise funds to help families to rebuild their lives.

I would like to acknowledge now the exceptional efforts of our colleague, the member for Richmond, who is on his way to China now on behalf of the Ice Breaking Care Society and Health Partnership International Canada with critical medical supplies for local hospitals.

This massive, heartbreaking disaster will require our continued long term support in helping to rebuild shattered lives.

We are all connected, part of the human family and I call on the government now to increase Canada's aid to Sichuan province in our longstanding, proud tradition of compassion and humanitarian assistance.