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### **National Day to End Bullying**

**Mr. Forbes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today Boys & Girls Clubs from across the country call on Canadians to celebrate a day of belonging on the National Day to End Bullying. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada have been working with partners to raise awareness and recognition that bullying is a growing issue facing all Canadian youth. Every child has the right to safe and supportive places where they are listened to, respected, and valued.

The Boys & Girls Clubs are aiming to shift the dialogue around bullying from negative to positive, focusing on a young person's sense of belonging to lessen the harm of bullying. Young people today benefit from feeling like there's something to belong to, and that this initiative aims to support our youth in finding it. CIBC and BGCC [Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada] have partnered on a campaign designed to support positive behaviours which include developing abilities and skills, building confidence and competence. They have taken a proactive approach in addressing bullying, and we can learn from their example.

Mr. Speaker, bullying comes in many forms, and we are reminded to challenge these negative behaviours by highlighting the importance of acceptance and belonging from the earliest possible age. Mr. Speaker, I call on all members to recognize Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada's National Day to End Bullying and to support their integral goal of creating safe, supportive environments for our youth. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.