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Dear Royal Canadian Legion Committees:

I am writing this letter in support of the Canada Remembers DVD Series that Anthony J. Towstego has produced, in conjunction with supporters and Veterans of the Royal Canadian Legion. It is my hope that the Royal Canadian Legion will rally behind this great memorial of remembering our Veterans in Canada, making it available to our schools to use as a resource in their curricular courses and as well incorporating it into their respective Remembrance Day Services.

For the past four years, this DVD set has been available to our school, thanks to Anthony Towstego and Brian Swidrovich, who organized the Canada Remembers Air Show for many years. Both men have been our special guests at our Remembrance Day Services for the past few years. Thank you for your support and time.

The diverse DVD set can be used in both History and English Language Arts classes. It provides a full picture of the stories of our Veterans and honours the sacrifices made by all Veterans, instead of a snapshot that some resources out there do. It is a great visual supplement to the current curriculum in the province.

I have used various video segments in our school's Remembrance Day (we have two services back to back to cater to grades 9-12). Incorporating these segments into the service really leaves a lasting imprint on our students and staff, which is evident leading up to and after the service. Our massive Hub Display at the center of our school complements what we want to do when we remember our Veterans. The display continues to evolve, as does the service.

I hope to see this resource being used by more schools, with your support. In this day and age, you cannot go wrong with having more information available that keeps the Veteran stories alive for generations to come. The interviews themselves are testimonies that needs to be kept alive for years to come.

For as long as I am assigned to Tommy Douglas Collegiate, I will have access to this resource. I fear that I may not be so lucky when the day comes and I am transferred to another school with fewer resources available. That would be sad day for me as an educator.

I really hope the Royal Canadian Legion will be able to find the means to support Anthony and the Canada Remembers DVD initiative. Thank you and thank you for the sacrifices you all have made for our country and us.

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