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John Reich
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Dear Mr. Reich,

It was with great excitement that I received the news of the Aurora Barbarians' second McCormick Cup victory in three years, and fourth straight Marshall Premiership Division Title. Clearly, Aurora has become the centre of rugby excellence in the province of Ontario.

I want to thank you, the club executive, and the players for making the organization such an integral part of our community. The club's motto, "A Club for All", is a testament to the level of commitment and hard work you and your colleagues have put into developing the game amongst all gender and age dynamics in the community.

As a long time resident of Newmarket-Aurora, I remember reading about the York County Bulls' struggles in the lower divisions of the Toronto Rugby Union in the early 1990s; the emergence of the highly successful Aurora Rugby Club, and finally its merger with the Toronto Barbarians RFC in 2002. The accomplishments of the organization in just one decade are truly remarkable.

It is on that note that I would like to inform you that I will be delivering a statement in the House of Commons on November 18, 2009 expressing my congratulations to the Aurora Barbarians RFC for not only their recent successes, but also for their hard work in the community. Reading this statement into public record will ensure that your efforts will be appreciated for decades to come.

Once again, please accept my congratulations on a job well done.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lois Brown".

Lois Brown, M.P.
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