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**Deepak Obhrai, MP**  
Calgary East

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## **“WE are NOT trained seals”, says Deepak Obhrai**

(Ottawa) Deepak Obhrai, Member of Parliament for Calgary East, made the following statement in the House of Commons today:

“Mr. Speaker, recently we have been called trained seals and it has been said we do not have any choice in representing our constituents. Let me set the record straight. It has been a privilege to represent my constituents who elected me based on the policies we put forward. These policies are made by grassroots members and elected members together. This is teamwork. We do not campaign on our personal agendas.

During my time in Parliament, since 1997, both in opposition and government, I have had numerous opportunities to put views forward and have input in public policy. Through caucus and direct access, we can influence policies on behalf of our constituents. This is teamwork. This approach is what makes one a very effective representative, and it has been an honour and a privilege to do this.

Let me say, Mr. Speaker, this statement is mine, my own sentiment and not approved by PMO, or anybody else.”

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