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Hon. Deepak Obhrai welcomes Federal Government Apology for MS St. Louis tragedy

(OTTAWA) Hon. Deepak Obhrai, Member of Parliament, today welcomed the official notice that an Apology from the Federal Government, and the Prime Minister, will be issued tomorrow on behalf of the Canadian people for the MS St. Louis tragedy.

Mr. Obhrai called for the Government of Canada to apologize for the MS St. Louis tragedy back in June of 2016 on World Refugee Day, through a press release (attached here).

In 1939, Canada refused to accept 907 Jewish refugees on board the German trans-Atlantic liner St. Louis who sought safe have in Canada. As a result, the ship was forced to return to Europe, where 254 of its passengers later died in Nazi concentration camps.

“This Apology by the Government of Canada to the survivors, relatives, and to the Jewish community serves as an acknowledgement of Canada’s harsh treatment of these refugees” Mr. Obhrai said. “This Apology enables us to reflect on, and learn from, this past injustice and strengthen our resolve to be an inclusive nation that protects refugees fleeing persecution.”

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