

PM speaking notes for the Food Banks Canada call
8 October 2020

Welcome

- Good evening, everybody! Thanks, Debbie, for that introduction.
- This Thanksgiving, as we reflect on what we're grateful for, I know a lot of Canadians will be thinking about people like you.
- Whenever you volunteer to fill food bank shelves or deliver meals to someone in need, you remind us how important it is to be there for those around us.
- My friends, I thank you.

Supporting Canadians

- You've seen first-hand how food banks have become more important than ever because of this pandemic. Tough times hit the most vulnerable first and hardest.
- **We invested \$150 million to support food banks and community organizations that help with food needs.**
- This includes money to keep volunteers like you safe, whether with PPE or bigger spaces.
- With the second wave of cases, we'll have more news on this to share tomorrow.
- On that note, I also want to recognize the great job that Ministers Bibeau and Hussen have done, working with many of you.
- Two weeks ago, in the Speech from the Throne, we committed to working with our partners to combat food insecurity across the country.
- **We have invested \$350 million to support charities and not-for-profit organizations working on the front lines.**
- We are here for you, and we are here so you can be there for Canadians.

Closing

- My friends, thank you. If Canada is a place where we look out for each other, it's because of you.
- Thank you, everyone. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your families.