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MEDIA ADVISORY: Updated Information Regarding the Canada Emergency Response Benefit

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ST. THOMAS, ON – Today, Karen Vecchio, MP for Elgin-Middlesex-London is highlighting additional information on the new Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).

Today, the government launched a website with extensive eligibility information and frequently asked questions on the CERB. This information is critical for constituents who are facing economic hardship, and have lost their sources of income, due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

This information can be found at www.canada.ca/coronavirus-cerb

To be eligible to receive the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) from Service Canada, the following must apply:

- You must reside in Canada
- You are 15 years of age or older at the time of application
- You have stopped or will stop working for reasons related to covid-19, or because you are unable to work due to illness, or because you lost your employment for other reasons beyond your control; and
 - If you are submitting for your first benefit period, that you have stopped or will stop working for at least 14 consecutive days within the 4 week benefit period; or
 - If you are filing for a subsequent benefit period, you did not receive any employment or self employment income for the period for which you previously claimed the benefit and do not expect to receive any employment or self employment income in the 4 week benefit period
- You have not quit your job voluntarily
- You are not receiving nor have you applied for the CERB from the Canada Revenue Agency nor are you receiving Employment Insurance benefits for the same benefit period
- You have earned a minimum of \$5,000 in income within the last 12 months or in the 2019 calendar year from one or more of the following sources:
 - Employment income
 - Self-employment income
 - Maternity or Parental Benefits under the Employment Insurance program

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