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I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all those attending the third annual Eye Ball.

Tonight's event raises funds for two national organizations committed to the optimal vision health of Canadians: the Canadian Coalition of Eye Care Professionals, a collaborative effort designed to raise government awareness of eye care health and policy issues; and the Foundation Fighting Blindness, the country's largest charity for research into the causes of various eye diseases, their treatments, and potential cures.

I would like to commend the members of the Academy of Ophthalmic Education (AOE) for their efforts to bring Canada's eye care professionals together in support of these very worthwhile organizations. Through its continuing education seminars and fundraising initiatives, the AOE is contributing to excellence in the field and helping to make progress toward the goal of eradicating blindness around the world.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer you my best wishes for a memorable event.

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

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