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**Dr. Ruby Dhalla, Member of Parliament Brampton Springdale Launches YourVoices.ca to engage and inspire Liberal members and Canadians**

Ottawa, ON - In an afternoon press conference, Dr. Ruby Dhalla, Member of Parliament for Brampton Springdale, launched a grassroots campaign and website called [yourvoices.ca](http://yourvoices.ca).

Yourvoices.ca is aimed at opening up the Liberal party to new voices, new visions, and a new future. In the midst of huge questions regarding the party's leadership, YourVoices.ca has been created to engage and encourage Canadians and Liberals for the party's future.

The [yourvoices.ca](http://yourvoices.ca) campaign is about building from the bottom up, reaching into communities, and changing the way that politics is done in our nation.

"I believe these unprecedented and historic times are a unique opportunity for parliamentarians and political parties to rise to the occasion and encourage the participation of the grassroots, with particular attention to the voices of youth, women and new Canadians. With the prospect of a leader being selected by the national executive and caucus members as early as tomorrow, I am determined to ensure that our members and grassroots are not cut out of the process. Yourvoices.ca is a bottom up approach to having the hopes, ideas, dreams, and voices of average Canadians heard," said Dr. Dhalla.

The Liberal party realizes that fundamental to the success of any political party is vision, strong leadership, ideas of the membership and financial contributions from the grassroots.

YourVoices.ca is premised on the belief of empowering people. "We are seeking out voices that haven't necessarily been heard before, and are looking for the country's most innovative ideas to help guide the future of the Liberal party." 90,000 Canadians are being encouraged to contribute their ideas, voices, and enthusiasm towards transforming the Liberal Party as an organization. If 90,000 people contribute \$1 each \$90,000 will be raised- the cost of entering the leadership race. YourVoices.ca will be the voice of the people.

From talking with many Canadians I have realized people want a leader who is able to listen, to act, to inspire and to empower. I believe Michael Ignatieff has the passion, commitment and conviction that Canadians and Liberals desire for our nation and its future. As his national co-chair in the 2006 leadership campaign I know firsthand of his sincerity and desire to empower women, youth and the cultural communities with the right resources and tools for them to succeed in building the Canada they want. Mr. Ignatieff has in-depth knowledge of the challenges facing Canada and will work tirelessly on behalf of Canadians to ensure that families succeed and achieve their dreams, said Dr. Dhalla.

"The wishes of the party membership for an immediate leader for the party cannot be at the expense of the ability of our grassroots to have their voices heard. The process of rebuilding, renewing and empowering must continue in the months ahead. That is why yourvoices.ca will play an even greater role in bridging the gap to ensure the voice of the membership and the ideas of the grassroots are brought forward and implemented," said Dr. Dhalla.

With Yourvoices.ca the people of Canada will have the power to be a part of history.

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