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## **News Release**

### **Canadians with Down Syndrome need our Support**

*Ensure equitable treatment for the 35,000 Canadians who have Down Syndrome*

**OTTAWA** – Brad Trost, Member of Parliament for Saskatoon-Humboldt, made the following statement about Canadians with Down Syndrome during Statements by Members in the House of Commons before the start of Question Period yesterday, May 11th, 2010:

**Mr. Brad Trost (Saskatoon—Humboldt, CPC):** “Mr. Speaker, this weekend Saskatchewan will welcome the Canadian Down Syndrome Society's national conference to Regina. The Canadian Down Syndrome Society works to ensure equitable treatment for the 35,000 Canadians who have Down's syndrome.

“Today, Canadians with Down's syndrome work, receive post-secondary education, pay taxes, and get married. Yet unfortunately, certain negative perceptions of Canadians with Down's syndrome still exist.

“Some parents are told “our school doesn't do Down's” when they try to enrol their child. Some doctors assume that no family would want a child with Down's when they outline medical options to perspective parents.

“That these discriminatory attitudes are still publicly voiced disturbs me, and should disturb all Canadians.

“Canadians with Down's syndrome face more medical challenges than most other Canadians, but discrimination against them and their families should not be tolerated.

“We as a society, as individuals, organizations, and governments need to do what we can to educate our fellow Canadians about Down's syndrome, and to encourage policies that provide support to Canadians who deal with this medical challenge.”