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M.P.P FLYNN AND SAVIS HOST ROUNDTABLE WITH COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS

OAKVILLE – The Sexual Assault and Violence Interventions Services (SAVIS) of Halton and Member of Provincial Parliament for Oakville Kevin Flynn hosted a roundtable on violence issues today at the Oakville Central Library Auditorium.

“I’m thankful for the important work groups like SAVIS are doing in the community, our government has made investments to facilitate prevention and provide support for the victims of violence,” said Flynn. “We must ensure that our communities are safe for everyone regardless of age, sexual orientation, or cultural background.”

The roundtable covered a variety of topics and addressed violence issues including violence against women, youth violence, elder abuse, and violence targeted at cultural minorities. Community stakeholders present at the event shared their experiences in dealing with victims of violence, challenges for front line service delivery and discussed new initiatives under way to end violence.

“I’m extremely impressed with the thoughtful comments and suggestions I have heard today” said Flynn. “It shows me that community groups and roundtables like todays can make a real difference and are an important part of a community based approach.”

In addition to SAVIS, members from the Halton Regional Police Elder Abuse Prevention Committee and North Halton Cultural Awareness Council were also in attendance. The constructive dialogue was organized to raise awareness as well as promote violence prevention and discuss services available to the community.