



## **KEDDY OWES NOVA SCOTIANS AN APOLOGY**

OTTAWA (November, 24, 2009) – Halifax West MP Geoff Regan expressed outrage Tuesday over a highly insulting outburst made by Conservative MP Gerald Keddy.

“I demand the South Shore-St. Margaret’s MP immediately apologize for his derogatory remarks about unemployed Nova Scotians,” Mr. Regan said. “If he doesn’t have the decency to do that, then the Prime Minister should immediately remove Mr. Keddy as a parliamentary secretary.”

Mr. Regan said labelling unemployed Nova Scotians “lazy” is hurtful and dishonest and should not be tolerated from anyone, far less a long-time MP.

His use of crass language aside, Mr. Keddy’s comments also show a complete disrespect to the people of Halifax, including those whom he claims to represent.

It would appear that the Conservative MP has completely adopted Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s “Culture of Defeat” attitude when it comes to Atlantic Canada, Mr. Regan noted.

“Maybe he should spend more time working on his people skills instead of handing out oversized cheques,” Mr. Regan said.

He added that Mr. Keddy’s reference to “people on the sidewalk” only underscores the contempt Conservatives have for the less fortunate in this country.

**Geoff Regan, M.P. Halifax West**  
Suite 222, 1496 Bedford Highway, Bedford, NS B4A 1E5

**902.426.2217 | [www.GeoffRegan.ca](http://www.GeoffRegan.ca)**