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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

With the new year upon us, myself and my parliamentary colleagues will be returning to Ottawa for a new session at the end of January.

My priorities will be supporting our leader Pierre Poilievre’s plans to hold this government to account on inflation and the cost of living, championing Saskatchewan’s vital industries and promoting economic growth, and standing up for those who feel left out of the decision making process in Ottawa.

With war continuing to rage in Ukraine, energy, fertilizer, and food markets facing increased pressure, and inflation eating away at household budgets, I have no doubt that 2023 will bring its fair share of challenges and opportunities.

We will also be continuing our

investigations and inquiries into veterans issues at the Veterans Affairs Committee. We will not allow this government to avoid accountability for offering medical assistance in dying to Veterans, and we will continue to fight to decrease wait times at VA offices across Canada.

2023 will be a challenging year, but it will also bring new opportunities and hope for the future. This year, I will continue to fight for you and your family, and for a brighter future for all Canadians.

Sincerely,

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TIME FOR CANADA TO STEP UP ON LNG

Last year, German Chancellor Olaf Schultz visited Canada, cap in hand, pleading for a long-term solution to Germany’s challenges in securing liquified natural gas (LNG) to heat homes, fuel industry and more. Inexplicably, the Prime Minister claimed there was “no business case” to export more Canadian natural gas to Germany and Europe, despite our immense capacity to produce LNG. Not only do we have the supply, but Canada’s cold climate makes us the most environmentally friendly producer in the world, as it requires far less energy to reach the low temperatures required to produce and transport LNG. Instead of seizing this opportunity to grow Canada’s economy and support a critical strategic partner and ally, Germany was forced to turn to undemocratic middle eastern regimes to secure their energy needs.



Now, Japanese leaders are also asking for Canada to step up LNG production and exports. If Canada wants to get serious about promoting democracies and meeting the world’s energy needs, it’s time to stop this government’s “leave it in the ground” policy and champion our world-leading, environmentally responsible energy producers. As the future looks more and more uncertain, Canada must recognize our strengths and help our allies to cement our position as a global food and energy superpower, and a country that never shies away from supporting fellow democracies around the world.

MORE TOOLS NEEDED TO FIGHT INFLATION

While inflation is cooling off in early 2023 with new, higher interest rates from the Bank of Canada, prices for food, home heating, vehicles, and more have not returned to “normal” pre-pandemic levels. Canadian families are struggling, and now is the time for government to make tough choices to reverse the trend.

Many Canadians are now paying several hundred dollars per month more on their mortgage payments thanks to higher rates, and other essentials continue to increase in price. Most of these price increases can be attributed to excessive pandemic spending and borrowing. One of the dangers with excessive quantitative easing (also known as “printing money”) is that once this additional liquidity (money) enters our economy, raising prices and inflating asset values, it is difficult to reverse this trend. Raising interest rates can help fight inflation by increasing the cost of borrowing, but much more needs to be done.

Federal budgets and deficits have ballooned to historic levels under this government, meaning that more and more government dollars are competing with the private sector for resources. By reducing the size of federal budgets, eliminating waste, and refocusing ministries on their core mandate, we can increase the power of our dollar and reduce taxes to leave more money in the pockets of those who earn it. There are no “quick” or “easy” solutions to inflation, but Canada can and should do more, and we will continue to hold this government accountable to make life more affordable for all Canadians.

LIBERALS REVERSE COURSE ON NEW JETS

In 2014, then-Prime Minister Stephen Harper faced criticism from opposition and media alike for his government’s planned purchase of brand new F-35 fighter jets from American defense contractor Lockheed Martin. Canada ultimately passed on the opportunity to be among the first countries to sign onto the F-35 program, with incoming Prime Minister Trudeau campaigning on scrapping the plans to upgrade the RCAF’s fleet. Years later, and in a much more hostile global security environment, the Prime Minister has reversed course and decided to go ahead with the previously planned purchase of F-35s, but this time at a higher cost and with a significant delay. This story is all-too-similar to when the Liberals campaigned against purchasing Cormorant helicopters, only to backtrack later.

The good news? Canada’s armed forces personnel are among the best trained and professional in the world, and with the right tools, we can quickly re-assume our role as a critical strategic partner and formidable military power. The bad news? Delaying the decision to upgrade our fighter fleet means that jet deliveries are delayed and more costly. In a world delicately teetering on the brink of conflict, now is the time we need that increased capability; but thanks to arbitrary delays and campaign promises, if a major war broke out tomorrow, we would struggle to achieve air superiority due to our unacceptably dated fighter fleet.

My faith in the men and women of the RCAF is absolute, and with these new tools their capability will rival any potential foe; but we are now suffering the consequences of inaction, delay, and short-sighted promises.



What can your MP do for you?

Our office staff is ready to help you navigate these federal government programs and much more!

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- Veterans Affairs
- OAS/CPP
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