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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

With the summer months upon us, farmers completing seeding, and families celebrating graduations, I can feel the infectious optimism of the season all around our riding. Despite this, too many Canadians continue to struggle with the cost of living crisis brought on by the federal government's reckless inflationary spending.

Families and individuals should be planning summer adventures and doing the things they love, but the things we enjoy are becoming more and more expensive and many Canadians just can't keep up.

Canadians shouldn't be punished for heating their homes, gassing up their vehicle, buying groceries, or other life essentials; but the one-two punch of Carbon Taxes layered on top of inflation is punishing all of us while failing to reduce emissions. It's time to fight back against rising costs from every direction, and give Canadians a break.

During the House's final sitting days before we rise for the summer, I'm focused on fighting for affordability for you and your family, to keep more money in your pocket and make sure the dollars you earn go further.



Fraser Tolmie, MP  
Moose Jaw-Lake Centre-Lanigan

Conservatives fought Bill C-11 since day one and proposed amendments to fully exempt the content Canadians post on social media from these draconian rules, but the Liberal-NDP coalition rejected these changes.

Then, when they realized that our team would never stop fighting for the free expression of Canadians, they shut down debate in the House of Commons and the Senate to force this censorship through Parliament.

A Conservative government will repeal the Liberal Censorship Bill and ensure that the free expression of all Canadians is protected.

### ACCOUNTABILITY IN OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM

**Gary Vidal, MP** | *Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River*

My riding of Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River (DMCR) in Northern Saskatchewan is truly a unique part of our vast country.

Made up of diverse people and communities, DMCR contributes to Canada through its' agriculture, forestry, mining, and tourism sectors. It is a place where we look after each other and care about our neighbours.

However, like our northern lakes and forests that are often overlooked when people consider all Saskatchewan has to offer, it feels like the unique challenges we face in rural and remote areas are ignored by Ottawa.

Our communities have faced increased violent crime, theft, and property damage in the 8 years under Justin Trudeau. The Liberal government's catch-and-release bail policies have allowed repeat offenders to be released back onto the street, only to re-victimize people and communities. That is why I'm advocating for bail reform to put an end to the wave of violent crime.

It is time for accountability in the justice system.

People deserve to feel safe.



## STANDING UP FOR VULNERABLE CANADIANS

**Cathay Wagantall, MP** | *Yorkton—Melville*

Through Bill C-311: the Violence Against Pregnant Women Act, Conservatives are taking action to protect vulnerable women from abuse.

Women face a greater risk of violence when pregnant, but current punishments for their attackers are not required to take pregnancy into account. That is wrong. My bill would add two new aggravating factors to the Criminal Code. Knowingly assaulting and causing physical or emotional harm to a pregnant woman would be given the same weight as other protected grounds such as race and religion. Judges would be required to consider these new aggravating factors when issuing criminal sentences.

There are over eighty recent cases where pregnant women have been killed by attackers who knew they were pregnant and sought to intentionally harm the mother and the child she had chosen to carry to term – often seeking to end the pregnancy. Our courts should be empowered to issue sentences that match the crime committed. I encourage you to support bill C-311 by signing the petitions available at [CathayWagantall.ca/PregnantWomen](http://CathayWagantall.ca/PregnantWomen).

## FIGHTING LIBERAL CENSORSHIP

**Kevin Waugh, MP** | *Saskatoon—Grasswood*

Canada's Conservatives have spent three years pushing back against the Liberal censorship bill, which threatens to limit what Canadians can post online. The bill will also force platforms to show you what the government wants you to see rather than content you may be interested in.

Bill C-11, which was also known as Bill C-10 in the previous Parliament, passed through both the House of Commons and the Senate recently, despite the strong protests of our Conservative team and experts and stakeholders across the country.

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# SEEDING SEASON 2023: CHALLENGE & OPPORTUNITY

**Saskatchewan is one of the most important agricultural producing regions in the world.**

Our abundance of arable land, in combination with the industry-leading expertise of Canadian farmers, makes what we do here a critical component of global food supplies.

Challenges faced by other producers, like fertilizer access, drought, and conflict in Ukraine, opens the door for Saskatchewan producers to step up to the plate and deliver critical raw ingredients for millions.

Canada can also do much more to process our precious raw commodities into shelf-ready food for Canadians and export markets; but we are currently heading in the complete opposite direction.

Fertilizer cutbacks, Carbon Taxes, and more are eating away at the bottom lines of producers; and though Saskatchewan farmers will persevere, policy should be there to help us, not punish us.

I will continue to fight for better agriculture policy across Canada, champion our world-leading producers, and work with partners to identify ways to build our industry for the future.



The brave people who wear the Red Serge are an iconic Canadian symbol of justice, bravery, and valor. They are also a point of pride for Saskatchewan.

Canada's Conservatives will continue to fight to ensure that the training of our national police force will continue in Regina for centuries to come. We will always be on Saskatchewan's side.

## CANADA'S ENERGY FUTURE

**Corey Tochor, MP | Saskatoon—University**

**Technology not carbon taxes will ensure we pass down a better environment to the next generation.** We have faced difficult environmental problems in the past. It was technology not taxes, that solved smog days which regularly forced people to stay inside. To continue our prosperity in Canada we need to generate clean affordable electricity and nuclear energy is the best provider of the base load capacity that will ensure our energy security.

Nuclear also has a role to play in improving traditional sources of energy such as Oil and Gas. Proposed SMRs (small modular reactors) designed to provide heat for industrial processing in Potash and other natural resources can make our industries much more efficient and clean.

Nuclear is also key in finding new successful Cancer treatments and I'm inspired by the potential of innovative medical isotopes being produced right here in Canada in our CANDU reactors. I am also encouraged that Saskatchewan will soon be home to new nuclear investments which will bring the benefits of affordable, clean sources of energy, along with good paying jobs!

Justin Trudeau clawed back hundreds of thousands of dollars in health transfers from Saskatchewan. Jagmeet Singh's NDP has called on Trudeau to punish our province even more! Justin Trudeau is planning massive cuts in the amount of fertilizer farmers can use. Rather than defend our farmers and ranchers, Jagmeet Singh supports Trudeau's extreme climate alarmism.

Instead of going after illegal guns used by criminals and street gangs, Justin Trudeau focuses on taking hunting rifles away from law-abiding farmers, hunters, and Indigenous Canadians. Jagmeet Singh's NDP supports the ban. And, of course, there's the Carbon Tax! Jagmeet Singh's NDP always votes with Trudeau to keep hiking the carbon tax, even as grocery prices rise and home heating costs soar.

While Jagmeet Singh's NDP always takes Justin Trudeau's side, only Conservatives are always on Saskatchewan's side.

### KEEPING "DEPOT" IN REGINA

**Warren Steinley, MP** | Regina—Lewvan

When the Mass Casualty Commission report was released, immediately our thoughts and prayers were with the 22 families who lost loved ones during the horrific tragedy in Nova Scotia.

However, following the recommendation to close the RCMP "Depot" Training Academy in Regina and build new facilities elsewhere will not impact terrible situations like that in Nova Scotia. Depot is a world-class police training facility. It has been a pillar in Regina since the late 1800's. More than 2100 cadets are trained and deployed from Depot throughout Canada to protect and serve each year.

Supporting important cultural and community events and building relationships with citizens is the foundation of community policing that every cadet takes with them.

## STANDING UP FOR VETERANS

I was honoured when our leader Pierre Poilievre asked me to serve as Deputy Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs, because I've spent many years dedicated to serving in the Armed Forces. It has been rewarding to give back to those who have given so much to Canada.

I've spoken with Veterans across my riding and this great province, and one thing is clear: the federal government is failing our Veterans. From the horrific MAID scandal where Veterans Affairs caseworkers were caught offering assisted suicide for Veterans suffering from PTSD, to the over \$1 Billion earmarked for vets' benefits that Veterans Affairs left unspent, and their massive backlog of unresolved case files, the whole situation is a mess.

Veterans shouldn't be forced to navigate endless bureaucracy, forms filled with nonsensical government language, multiple year long wait times and a rejection rate of over 20% (according to the Minister of Veterans Affairs, who has been known to underplay problems in his department). Alongside Shadow Minister Blake Richards, I will continue to fight for necessary changes to service standards and outcomes at the department of Veterans Affairs, because our heroes deserve the best.



A graphic for a "Summer Photo Contest!". The background is blue with white clouds. The text "Summer Photo Contest!" is written in a large, white, bubbly font. To the right of the text is a small illustration of a camera. Below the main text, it says "Win Cool Prizes!" in a yellow banner. To the right of the main text, there is a yellow banner that says "send your photos to:". Below that, on a white, torn-paper-like background, is the contact information: "fraser.tolmie@parl.gc.ca", "Fraser Tolmie M.P.", "#1, 54 Stadacona St. W.", and "Moose Jaw, SK S6H 1Z1".

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# Summer 2023 Saskatchewan Caucus Update



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## **FIXING OUR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM** *Brad Redekopp, MP | Saskatoon West*

As the Vice-Chair of the Immigration Committee, I am constantly reminded that our immigration system is very broken. Saskatoon West has one of the highest immigration rates in Saskatchewan, so I bring a lot of my constituents' experiences to the committee.

Coming to Canada and contributing to our economy can be challenging. Many newly arrived doctors are driving taxis. Nurses are homecare workers and pharmacists are sweeping floors. Our immigration system brings people to Canada for their skills then tells them that they cannot contribute to our economy in the job they trained for.

Conservatives have put forward a plan to strengthen our economy by recognizing that credentials and on-the-job training abroad are acceptable if they meet our standards. No more red tape and endless testing by big government gatekeepers protecting their own turf. Under a Conservative government, newcomers will know if they can work in their field within 60 days of landing.

These common-sense policies help newcomers settle in Canada and help everyone else looking for a doctor, a nurse, a carpenter, an electrician, a plumber, or anyone else we need to get us through the day.

## **THE LIBERAL-NDP COALITION** *Hon. Andrew Scheer, MP | Regina—Qu'Appelle*

Justin Trudeau's government attacks Saskatchewan with the support of Jagmeet Singh's NDP every step of the way.

Justin Trudeau has killed thousands of jobs in Saskatchewan with his No More Pipelines laws. Jagmeet Singh's NDP has voted with the Liberals every time.

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It appears there's one law for insiders and another for the rest of us, since these employees were fired but not prosecuted.

I was pleased to help secure additional funding for the Canadian Institute for Public Safety Research and Treatment, a University of Regina institute that develops mental health resources for public safety personnel.

Because of the Liberals' out-of-control inflation, I launched a fundraiser for the Regina Food Bank that helped to collect over 30,000 meals for the needy. I have also taken advantage of our post-pandemic freedoms to visit many local businesses and to chat over coffee with local constituents.

### **A COMPETITIVE MARKET FOR LOCAL BUSINESS**

**Jeremy Patzer, MP** | Cypress Hills—Grasslands

Saskatchewan has a long history of inventors and local businesses who have helped their small communities to survive. These have included Honey Bee, Bourgault, Väderstad, or Schulte – to name just a few. It's important to make sure this continues while our Canadian farmers, innovators, and consumers receive the benefits of market competition.

I've been working to make this happen as soon as possible. Since last summer, when I first introduced Bill C-294, it has already moved through debates and committee study in the House of Commons. So far, it has been encouraging to see all parties vote for this bill to protect interoperability.

Our next concern will be moving Bill C-294 through the Senate. You can help in this process by expressing your support for it to the Senators (especially the ones who represent our province).

If you reach out to my office, we would be happy to assist you with contacting them or provide you with more information about the issue. Don't hesitate to email me at [Jeremy.Patzer@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Jeremy.Patzer@parl.gc.ca) about Bill C-294.

### **TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**

**Kelly Block, MP** | Carlton Trail—Eagle Creek

After eight years of Justin Trudeau, Canadians are out of money and struggling to put food on the table and pay their mortgage. However, it has never been a better time to be a high-priced consultant or insider friend of the federal Liberal government.

Since 2015, the Liberals have vaporized tens of billions of dollars on high-priced consultants, including at least \$116 million to their friends at McKinsey. Yet despite this huge price tag, media reports have quoted senior public servants who say they have no idea what McKinsey did in return for these contracts.

We know the Liberals won't be transparent about where this money went and we can't trust them to investigate themselves. That's why Conservatives called for the Auditor General to conduct an investigation and a performance-and-value-for-money audit of all contracts awarded to McKinsey.

Canadians deserve answers. They deserve answers not simply on how much of their money was spent, but what exactly their money was spent on and what value they got from these contracts.

### **AXE THE COSTLY CARBON TAX**

**Rosemarie Falk, MP** | Battlefords—Lloydminster

The Trudeau Government's inflationary deficits and tax hikes are fueling the cost-of-living crisis in Canada. The NDP-Liberal carbon tax is driving up the cost of everything including basic necessities, and it's even more punishing for Canadians living in rural communities like ours in Saskatchewan.

After years of claiming otherwise, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change has finally admitted that their carbon tax will cost most Canadians more than what they get back in rebates.

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In fact, the Parliamentary Budget Officer has said that their carbon tax will cost the average household \$710 this year after rebates. While the NDP Liberals continue to dive deeper and deeper into your pockets, they have yet to meet a single environmental target that they set for themselves. That's because the carbon tax is not an environmental plan, it's a tax plan.

Conservatives don't believe in punishing you for driving to work, heating your home or buying groceries. Conservatives will axe the carbon tax and use technology instead of taxes to fight climate change.

## **CANADA/UNITED STATES RELATIONS**

**Randy Hoback, MP** | *Prince Albert*

Canada and the United States have a special relationship, one defined by our people, the longest unguarded border in the world, and our belief that working together can bring about a more prosperous life for all. However, that special relationship is one that constantly needs to be worked on, and like any good relationship, difficult conversations need to be had.

At \$1.3 billion in goods and services traded annually, Canada and the United States are deeply interconnected, what happens on one side of the border affects us all. Issues such as no Softwood Lumber Agreement, illegal firearms smuggled across the border, and Roxham Road all need to be addressed.

The Liberal government has had seven years to do so, and they continue to drag their feet. We need a government that engages with stakeholders and speaks with everyday citizens who these issues impact.

When it comes to the Canada-United States relationship we should work everyday to better serve Canadians and Canadian business. The federal government has a role to play in ensuring the relationship between Ottawa and Washington is positive.

## **PROTECTING ENERGY WORKERS**

**Robert Kitchen, MP** | *Souris—Moose Mountain*

The Liberal "Just Transition" away from coal-fired power is having devastating impacts on workers, their families, and their communities. Federal funding has not even come close to meeting the short and long term needs of rural communities in Southeast Saskatchewan.

So far, there has been virtually no funding provided for economic development activities which attract investment and sustain populations. There has also been very little clarity on what supports will be given to the workers who will find themselves out of a job.

The Liberals promised that legislation would be coming this spring but the release of their Sustainable Jobs Plan in March, which contained none of the necessary information that would allow industry and workers to plan for the future, was yet another farce.

Conservatives will continue to fight for our coal and energy workers to ensure that their communities remain sustainable, now and well into the future.

## **STANDING UP FOR REGINA**

**Michael Kram, MP** | *Regina—Wascana*

This has been a busy year in Regina-Wascana with many accomplishments both in Ottawa and Regina.

On the Public Accounts Committee, I exposed civil service CERB fraud. Under questioning, the assistant deputy minister of Employment and Social Development Canada—the agency that distributed CERB—admitted that 49 of their employees were collecting CERB while working full time. Even officials from the CRA—the people responsible for hunting down tax cheats—admitted employees cheated the system. *Continued on Page 10*