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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

As the snow begins to melt in communities across Saskatchewan and the temperatures begin to rise, this year’s crop season is just around the corner. This year, like every year, our farmers will be working around the clock to fill hungry bellies all over the world and support our local economies with major investments and jobs.

There is no question that farmers are facing challenges this year, from the planned tripling of the Carbon Tax this spring, to disastrous fertilizer regulations that could threaten their outputs. But despite a federal government that just doesn’t understand the needs of Saskatchewan agriculture, our farmers will once again hit the fields this year and ensure Saskatchewan continues to be a global food leader.

In addition to standing up for farmers, we are focused on affordability as the costs of everyday essentials continue to spiral out of control. This means holding the government accountable for spending, standing up for Saskatchewan’s key industries, fighting for an end to the Carbon Tax, and much more.

Saskatchewan’s future looks bright, but with the right leadership, our potential is limitless; thanks to the hardworking men and women of this great province.

Sincerely,




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FEDS NEED NEW APPROACH TO SASK. AGRICULTURE

I’ve always said that policy should be there to help us, not to punish us. Most, if not all Canadians agree that we should work to protect our environment for future generations; but the federal government’s current approach is not only failing to reduce emissions, it is actively harming Saskatchewan’s core industries and making life for our producers more difficult. The Carbon Tax has failed to lower emissions, but instead changing course, the federal government is literally “tripling down” on this disaster, by tripling the Carbon Tax this April 1. This will not only hurt the bottom line of Saskatchewan ag producers, it will also hit you and your family at the gas pump, with an estimated additional \$22-30 per fill (depending on tank size). This at a time when food, mortgage, rent and more costs are at all time highs.



Worse yet, the federal government also plans on imposing a 30% “across the board” reduction in fertilizer use. Not only will this reduce outputs, negatively contributing to ongoing global food shortages and setting the stage for famine in developing countries, it hurts our farmers here at home and stops them from reaching their potential. Even if we assume that decreasing fertilizer use is a worthwhile objective, it is deeply unfair that the nature of this policy fails to reward more efficient farmers who already get more out of less. This is yet another example of Ottawa-knows-best policies hurting Saskatchewan; and I will continue to stand against it.

FOREIGN INTERFERENCE: TIME FOR ACTION

Recent media reports from Global News reporter Sam Cooper have uncovered key facts about foreign interference in our elections, specifically from the Chinese Communist Party of Beijing. While Canadians should continue to have faith in Elections Canada and our complex system of voter identity verification, transparent oversight, and accountability, we cannot tolerate blatant attempts from a hostile foreign power to influence the outcomes of Canadian elections. That is why I will continue to support my colleagues' efforts to unearth the truth about what happened in several nomination races and election campaigns which have recently been the subject of scrutiny and criticism. We must not only find out what took place, but we must find out what the government and Prime Minister in power were briefed on and how they chose to act. When it comes to protecting our democracy, complacency is not an option.

Whether it comes from Russia, China, Iran, or any other foreign actor with an interest in influencing Canadian politics, we must strengthen the response and resolve of our institutions to counter sophisticated strategies to undermine our democracy. This means dismantling foreign influence organizations like Beijing's United Front Work Department, which operates on Canadian soil with a clearly stated objective to influence Canadian elected officials, business professionals, and institutional leaders. I will continue to push for positive change and accountability to safeguard our democracy for generations to come.

MOOSE JAW VETERANS ROUNDTABLE

This March 18, my office hosted a Veterans Roundtable discussion at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 59, where MP Blake Richards joined me to listen to the concerns and needs of Veterans and find ways to improve service. For far too long, our Veterans have not received the care that they deserve, and are forced to navigate a complex bureaucratic process (often for years on end) in order to receive seemingly straightforward reimbursements for basic supports. We heard from a 30+ year Veteran with multiple combat tours under his belt who has still failed to get treatment for hearing issues developed as a result of his service; all due to a form filled out immediately after discharge where he indicated his hearing seemed to be fine. It doesn't take a medical expert to connect multiple decades of firing extremely high velocity anti-tank guns without hearing protection, as was common at the time, with acute hearing issues later in life; yet he still struggles to get treatment for tinnitus and hearing loss years after leaving the forces.

We also heard heartbreaking accounts of Veterans struggling to obtain housing in today's sky-high rental markets, unfair clawbacks to benefit payments when Vets turn 65, endless paperwork filled with unfamiliar terms and government language that can be difficult or impossible to understand, and a near-total lack of local experienced Veterans Affairs caseworkers in Saskatchewan. Myself and MP Richards are committed to bring these findings back to Ottawa and fight for the positive changes our Veterans deserve on the House floor and in committee meetings.



What can your MP do for you?

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

- Immigration and Work Permits
- Veterans Affairs
- OAS/CPP
- Employment Insurance
- Passports
- CRA
- Special Occasion Greetings



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