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Dear Constituents,

While I work daily on your behalf in Calgary and Ottawa, not all constituents are able to catch the goings-on in Parliament on a regular basis. I am pleased to provide you with some brief examples of the work I have done on your behalf while speaking in Parliament.

While the most important part of a Member of Parliament's job is to vote on legislation, contributing to the debates that lead to those votes is how we make sure our constituents are heard and their perspectives considered.

The following pages will provide some of the more interesting and important contributions I have made on the floor of the House of Commons on your behalf. You will notice that the correspondence I receive from you plays an important role in determining how you are represented.

It is an honour and a privilege to serve you and I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to be your representative in Ottawa. If I can be of assistance to you, please write to me (postage-free to Ottawa), e-mail me at len.webber.c1@parl.gc.ca, or call my office at 403-220-0888. My staff and I would be pleased to help you.

Sincerely,

Len Webber, MP
Member of Parliament
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On Living Donors...

Len Webber has introduced **Motion-135** to have the Governor General of Canada recognize the selfless acts of courage & bravery made by hundreds of Canadians to save the life of a fellow human-being by being a **Living Donor**.

M-135 - *That in the opinion of this House, the government should request that the Chancellery of Honours establish a suitable honour, within the Order of Precedence, to be awarded to Living Donors, to recognize the bravery, self-sacrifice and heroic actions taken at great personal risk to save the life of a fellow human-being through their organ donation, and that this recognition be in the form of a medal or decoration and include a post-nominal.*

*"Madam Speaker, I am honoured to rise to speak in support of Bill C-223, an act to establish a Canadian organ donor registry and to coordinate and promote **organ donation** in Canada.*

*First I would like to thank my colleague from Edmonton Manning for bringing forward this private member's bill and recognizing the importance of organ donation. I listened intently to the member's speech at second reading back in April, and it was a very passionate and moving speech. What you did for your son Tyler was incredible. You as a **living donor**, I consider a hero."*



Members of Parliament often meet with constituents when they are in Ottawa.

Here, Len Webber meets with visiting students from Balmoral School during their visit to Parliament Hill.

On Canadians Abroad...

*"Mr. Speaker, as you and others in the House know, I have known Canadian teacher, **Neil Bantleman** and his family for a long time. In fact, I just met with his brother **Guy** a few moments ago. Neil is well known in Calgary as a respected teacher, there for many years. Sadly, Neil continues to be held in an Indonesian prison, in deplorable conditions, and forced to live like a caged animal. He has to sleep on the floor, and endures constant hunger, discomfort, and threat of disease. He is a victim of a flawed Indonesian justice system, but our own Canadian government has failed him too. It has failed to bring this Canadian back home or warn other Canadians of the risks of visiting that country. Guy wants his brother home. The entire Bantleman family wants Neil home. Unfortunately, all the government has done, and is prepared to do, is talk. When are we going to see action?" (Neil remains in prison at this time.)*

On the Alberta Jobs Crisis...

*"Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to rise today to contribute to this debate on the **Alberta jobs crisis**.*

The constituency that I represent, Calgary Confederation, is a riding located in the inner city of Calgary. It is smack dab in the middle, just north of the Bow River. It is a wonderful riding, and there are wonderful people who live there. They work hard and have great families. The population is approximately 112,000 people, and many of those people have been deeply affected by the downturn in the oil industry.

There have been massive lay-offs throughout my riding due not only to the price of oil but also due to the unnecessary taxation implemented by both the provincial NDP government and the federal Liberals on an industry that is already on its knees. The implementation of the carbon tax is an attack on an industry just trying to survive.

To understand the utter devastation that has taken place in the Alberta jobs market, one only needs to look at the Liberal government's record since taking office. While the national unemployment rate has remained steady at 7%, the unemployment rate in Calgary has risen dramatically to around 10%. Behind those unemployment numbers are real people, real families, and they are suffering. Even those with jobs today live under incredible stress not knowing if they will become one of the tens of thousands of laid-off workers in the oil industry.

*My staff, in my constituency office, **Lou and Pat**, are on the front lines. They have been receiving calls that just tear me apart. It sometimes leaves them emotionally drained and visibly shaken.*

There are parents, who are calling in, sobbing and telling of their children who have been sent away to family in other provinces, because they cannot afford to feed and house them in Calgary.

I went door knocking during the Christmas break, and I met one man who was ashamed to let me share his name. He told me of not finding work, depleting his family savings, losing his home, and still to this day cannot find work. He was so embarrassed by the situation that he sent his wife and three children to Manitoba to stay with his in-laws, so that he could shield the reality of his family's situation from his young children. Imagine being ashamed to be in front of your own children.

*Another father almost had the same experience. He moved his wife and children to Saskatchewan, a province where at least the Saskatchewan Party and **Premier Brad Wall** get it. They strongly oppose a carbon tax, and I strongly applaud Premier Brad Wall for trying to convince the Liberal government otherwise.*

Another constituent called into the office, and when we asked him his address, he gave us his licence number as his address. He lives in a car.

I have had two people mention suicide as an option if they do not get some help from the government.

The tragic stories go on, and the hope continues to fade. Hopefully, one day things will improve. We pray for the price of oil to go up again. We pray that the government listens to the people of Alberta, the people of Canada.

I implore all members to remember the people behind these unemployment numbers. Each person has a unique story, but they share the same challenges, putting a roof over their heads and food on the table. It is what every Canadian wants and every Canadian deserves.

The Liberal government must stop taxing Albertans into poverty. Let us stop destroying their primary industries. Better yet, let us stop ignoring them and their situation. Let us get Alberta back to work, and let us do it soon."

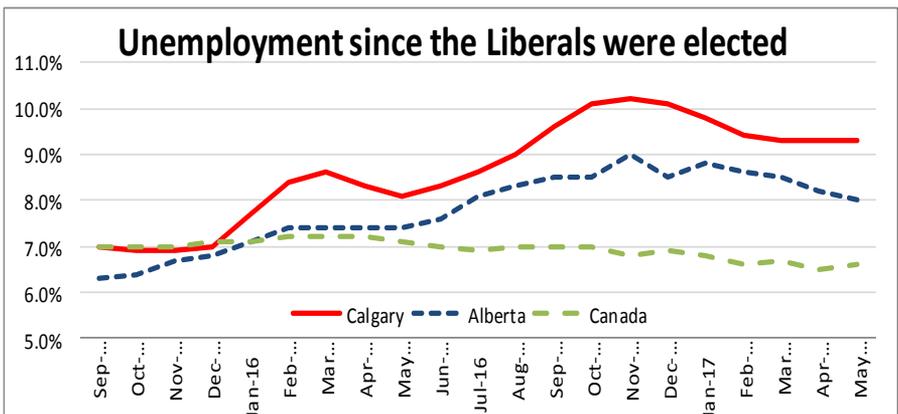
On the Alberta Jobs Crisis...



"Madam Speaker, it is no secret that the Alberta economy is suffering and that Albertans are suffering. There is growing frustration, and the Liberals have given up even trying to help. The evidence is clear. It has been one year since the Liberals promised sunny ways. In that time, Calgary's unemployment rate has grown by 36%, higher than the national average. The Liberals keep hiking taxes and making things worse. Why are the Liberals kicking Calgarians when they are already down?"

"Mr. Speaker, I invite the hon. member to come to my riding, come door knocking with me, and talk to those people who are unemployed, people who are suicidal, people who have children in other provinces because they cannot take care of them. I implore him to come and listen, and talk to them about the carbon tax, which is a huge issue in my province, in fact, in this country. It is a burden on industry and our oil patch. It keeps investors away. I invite the hon. member to come to my constituency. I will give you a tour. I will feed you. I invite anybody to come to my riding to talk to the people in my riding. It is incredibly emotional."

"What the Liberal government has put in place with regard to policy, regulations, and taxes has kept industry out of Alberta. It has kept industry out of Canada. I talk to the people in the industry daily. I go door-to-door, and I ask people what they do for a living. I would say that 50% of the time they indicate to me that they used to work, or they do work in the oil industry. They have brought their industry and their work down to quite a slow pace in the hope that the government will listen to them, and react in a way, so we can urgently and quickly develop the pipelines. They hope the government will talk to people like the mayor of Montreal, and convince Quebecers, convince all Canadians that Alberta's oil is beneficial to every Canadian."



On Community Health & Safety...



"Later today, Bill S-217, Wynn's law, will come to a decisive vote. Members of the House will decide if the death of **RCMP Constable David Wynn** was in vain or if his death was the catalyst for meaningful change. Members will vote. They'll decide if we are willing to lose another life, or lives, or if we will take responsible steps to protect Canadians. Members will cast a vote to keep a flawed justice system or a vote to improve our justice system. We have the opportunity to honour the legacy of Constable David Wynn. We have the opportunity to make our streets safer. We have the opportunity to fix a loophole in our justice system. We have the opportunity to make a positive difference. I encourage all colleagues to seize that opportunity and support Bill S-217."

(It passed later that day when several Liberal MPs voted against their own government, but was later defeated by the Liberals.)

"Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today to speak to Bill C-37. The bill would amend the minister's powers and discretion when it comes to approving **drug injection sites** in communities across Canada. It would remove community safeguards and put these important decisions entirely in the hands of a single minister and not in the hands of the local community.

Many years ago, before I entered politics, I served on the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, or AADAC. I served on it for a number of years. I learned a lot about drug addiction and the incredible pain that it causes. The experience there affirmed to me why we should never deal with drugs in a cavalier manner.

Canada already has good legislation in place to permit drug consumption sites or safe injection sites, whatever we want to call it, but let me stress before I continue that there is no such thing as a safe injection site as there is nothing safe about drug injection and the abuse of drugs.

The Liberals and the NDP claim that this current legislation is so onerous that no organization can succeed in getting the drug consumption site approved, yet we see that the government approved three of them in Montreal earlier this month. This proves the current legislation does strike a good balance.

As I stated before, the experts are telling us that we need community buy-in for these facilities to be successful. Why do the Liberals and the NDP want to sneak these facilities into our communities without proper consultation?

Drug consumption sites do have some benefits. They allow us to hide our problems away from the streets and they do save addicts so that they can fuel their addiction for another day. In very few cases they also facilitate a path for recovery. Let us not kid ourselves and believe that there is a lot of light at the end of this tunnel. These sites do help keep things like dirty needles out of our parks. They do make it cheaper for the health care system to monitor and save some addicts. They do not reduce the drug problem in Canada. They do not stop people from becoming addicts. They very seldom get addicts off drugs. These sites do not curtail the profits for organized crime. They are not a silver bullet. They are one very weak tool in our fight against addiction and its deadly toll.

If we want these sites to have some positive benefit and improve outcomes then we need community buy-in and this is done through open, transparent, and exclusive consultations. Sadly, this is not what this bill would do. It would weaken the existing legislation. Therefore I must vote against it."

On the Opioid Crisis...



As Vice-Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health, Len Webber often Chairs the Parliamentary meetings. In this photo, he discusses the upcoming witnesses with the Clerk before hearings on the deadly opioid crisis which he initiated.

*“It is because of the severity of this emergency crisis, that the Standing Committee on Health, of which I am vice-chair, postponed the study on the national pharmacare strategy that we were doing to address this **national opioid crisis**. We brought in many experts, doctors, nurses, ER staff, first responders, the EMS, the police, and officials from the fire departments around the country. We talked to pharmacists, social workers, and we even brought in recovering fentanyl and opioid addicts into our witness chairs to discuss with us the severity of this issue.*

There were two particular presentations we received. One was from the commissioner of the RCMP and the other, Border Services. They indicated to us that 98% of illicit fentanyl is coming from China into our country. I had attempted in this meeting to have the Chinese ambassador appear before the committee to explain what his government is doing to help Canada tackle this deadly drug epidemic. I put the motion forward, and the Liberal government would not have a representative from the Chinese government come here to address this issue.

The Liberals are ignoring the obvious. China is the primary source of illicit fentanyl in Canada, and the Liberals would rather deal with the deadly street drugs after they are in the hands of Canadians, instead of targeting the source, which is China.

Why is pleasing the Chinese government more important to the Liberals than saving the lives of Canadians? That was the question I had asked, and I would like a response to that question.”

*“During the member’s speech, he indicated that China was a main source of illicit **opioids** coming into our country, fentanyl and carfentanyl. In fact, 98% of illicit drugs and illicit opioids, and fentanyl, comes from China. This is what was indicated to us by the RCMP during our committee hearings.*

Our Conservative caucus put a motion on the table during the discussion. We wanted to have the Chinese ambassador come to our committee to discuss what the Chinese government was doing, but the Liberal government turned down our motion. Why would the government be more concerned about being friends with the Chinese government than stopping the flow of deadly drugs on Canadian streets?”

On Medically Assisted Dying...

*"Mr. Speaker, today I rise in this House to speak to Bill C-14 and to the issue of **medically assisted dying**.*

This is a complex issue for which there are strong opinions on both sides. Some of my comments may be new to this debate and some will echo those of others before me. However, they are all the voice of my constituents in Calgary Confederation.

*As my constituent **Brenda Robinson** said to me in a letter, "There is no doubt that we are in a defining moment for our nation on this important issue. So many lives hang in the balance of how our leaders craft this legislation."*

*As I said, there are many sides to this complex issue. The people watching this debate the last couple of days, those people in the galleries, or those watching CPAC on their computers are able to pick and choose the parts of this legislation that they do and do not like, but I and all of us in the House only have the option of a yea or a nay when it comes to a vote. We know that the legislation will pass. It has to pass because the court has said so. Members may or may not know that I am a big proponent of palliative care. My constituency assistant **Lou Wintners** in Calgary was the executive director of Hospice Calgary. My late father-in-law was the executive chef at the Rosedale Hospice in Calgary. He spent much of his long life career as an executive chef in many hotels throughout the country. He spent his final years cooking for the dying in the hospice in Calgary.*

For many years, my family has volunteered with Hospice Calgary. Never would I have ever thought that I would be fighting for a bed for my wife one day. I saw then first-hand how critical it is that we have a good palliative care system here in Canada.

Through my experience with Hospice Calgary, I also saw first-hand how horribly underfunded this specialized care is within our current health care system. We need to improve palliative care both for the patients and their families. I cannot thank the staff enough at Agapé Hospice for the support they gave me and my family only a few years ago. I only wish that all Canadians had the access and support they need to get palliative care during one of the toughest times in one's life. We need to do better, and we can do better, but we have a long way to go.

I have received more correspondence on this issue than any other issue since being elected or during my 10 years as an MLA in Alberta. Normally, we see letters either urging an MP to support or oppose legislation. However, the inevitability of this legislation has resulted in a different kind of response. My constituents are writing to suggest how things can be improved and to express concerns with respect to very specific parts. This has made for some very emotional and thoughtful reading.

***Ken**, a constituent in my riding, wrote to me saying, "Even though I am personally against all euthanasia on personal, moral, and faith grounds, I concede [we] will probably have to have a law that allows it in extreme circumstances. But many of the current recommendations go far beyond, and in effect could allow this to become an 'on-demand service' that leaves many of the most vulnerable unprotected." Ken's letter is one of many that raise concern for our most vulnerable.*

***Connie C.**, another constituent who wrote to me, is passionately against any form of suicide. She said, "My father's death was a gradual decline that spanned a four month period, it was a difficult time for him and for the family. However, we shared some very meaningful time together during those four months and I have a new appreciation for the death process. It was painful and difficult for him, unfortunately struggle is part of the human experience.... Suicide cuts short the human experience and no physician should be asked to end a human life." That is what Connie had to say.*

On the other side of the issue, there are those who wish to have access to these medically assisted options.

On Medically Assisted Dying... (continued)

Valerie wrote to me and said, "My father and others in my family have had dementia and I saw how they forgot to bathe and brush their teeth and refused to let others take care of them. My father lived his last 6 months in a nursing bed doing nothing but lay in bed. If I get dementia I know I do not want to live like that. If I do not have the option of physician assisted dying then I will opt to find a way to end my life while I am still able to make this decision. I beg you to please allow me a better option should I get dementia."

Debra Lee wrote to me, and she wrote to the Minister of Justice as well, with a perspective that few have. She worked for over 40 years as a registered nurse. She said, "I saw my share of people die, many of them with good management of their symptoms but some who did suffer a great deal—from physical as well as emotional pain. Some people received intrusive treatments which had no hope of curing them or even easing their suffering. But for too long in my career, I observed a death denying culture—everyone from health providers, family members and individuals themselves having difficulty accepting death." As I stated earlier, this issue is complex.

Another constituent, **Catherine G.**, focused on some of the specific parts of the proposed legislation that she felt needs to be improved. She expressed concerns that there is not enough protection for the vulnerable. She said, "I believe that physician assisted death will leave many elderly people open to the worse form of abuse. They may feel pressured to accept it since they feel themselves to be a burden to their loved ones. We must care for the sick and elderly; doctors must never kill."

Many expressed concern for the most vulnerable in society, but some also wrote about their own vulnerability.

Tracey wrote, "Today my mother is slowly starving to death in the advanced stages of Alzheimer's. Since my grandmother also had it, there is a good chance I will as well. Without assisted suicide I will be forced to commit suicide as soon as I am diagnosed because I won't allow my children to go through what I have, nor do I wish to suffer as my mother has."

Doug James, another constituent of mine, echoed my sentiments exactly when he said, "I suggest that we are better off having what some will call incomplete legislation, rather than no legislation at all, and trust that future legislation can be passed to address any deficiencies."

It is for this reason alone that I will be supporting the bill. It is not about a vote of approval for the bill or the circumstances that brought it about. Rather, it is a vote that recognizes that when it comes to something as personal and sensitive as death, it is better to have options available, even if we do not like them, even if we do not believe in them. It is better to have some legal framework than none at all.

My decision will undoubtedly be welcomed by some and loathed by others, but I am confident that my constituents will look at my past, my experiences, and respect that in the absence of an overwhelming and clear direction from my constituents, I am voting for choice.

In closing, I want to also echo a deep concern expressed by **David MacPhail**, who wrote to me and said, "There should be clear conscience protections for health care workers and facilities in the legislation.... It is not right that people should be forced to participate against their deeply held convictions, either through referral or by doing the procedure." He went on to say, "It is not necessary to make dedicated physicians and healthcare workers put their careers on the line and open themselves to professional disciplinary action simply because they wish to follow their conscience...".

Finally, I want to reiterate my main concern with the dying process, and that is palliative care. I challenge all in this House to approach this issue with as much energy, urgency, and focus as we have seen on this bill."

Recognizing Community Events...

*"Madam Speaker, on the same day that this Liberal government introduced legislation to help Canadians die, it also refused to give more Canadians the chance to live. It is quite disappointing that the Liberal government will not support a national organ donor registry, and it is very sad that we find this out on the eve of **National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week**. Canada will remain the most developed nation in the world without a national registry.*

*More than 4,500 Canadians are waiting for an organ transplant. Every donor can save up to eight lives. Next weekend at Confederation Park in Calgary, I will run in the 5th annual **Canadian Transplant Association Transplant Trot**.*

Transplants can have amazing impacts on so many lives, but we need more donors. Canadians should talk to their families and their loved ones about their organ and tissue donation wishes."



"Mr. Speaker, every three minutes cancer picks a fight with another Canadian. That is over 200,000 new cases of cancer diagnosed every year in this country, and those numbers are projected to increase by nearly 40% by 2030.

*Even with these disappointing numbers, the overall cancer survival rate has increased from 35% back in the 1950s to over 60% today, thanks in part to research funded by daffodil sales. Yes, **April is Daffodil Month**, and making a donation, buying a daffodil pin, or buying the actual flower means that we are supporting a long history of helping people with cancer and funding life-saving research, education, and support services.*

*Please support the annual **Canadian Cancer Society's** April daffodil campaign."*

Members of Parliament participate in community events to help raise awareness of important issues and causes.

Here, Len Webber donates blood to raise awareness of the ongoing need for blood donations in Canada.

If you would like to donate blood and save a life, please visit www.blood.ca and find a donor clinic near you.



Presenting Petitions...

Len has presented many petitions from constituents on a variety of issues. To find out how to have your petition presented, please visit www.lenwebber.ca/resources/forms.

*"Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition today from residents in and around Calgary. The petitioners ask that the government direct funding toward the **protection of animals** during disasters.*

They note that in many impoverished parts of the world animals are a source of milk, food, and asset wealth. Their survival increases the chances of a successful and speedy recovery."



SUPPORT
BILL C-316

so that Canadians can use
tax forms to register as
organ donors.

*"Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition in support of my private member's bill, **Bill C-316**, which was submitted by **Mr. Brad Arnold** of Calgary. The petitioners are calling on this House to improve the organ donation system in Canada by making the process to register as an organ donor easier.*

This would be achieved by adding a simple question to our annual tax returns. Mr. Arnold, a recipient himself, collected signatures from throughout Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, showing that there is indeed national support for this sensible change to our tax forms."

Thank you to **Casey Amatto, Heidi Smethurst, Don Kryskow, Teresa DiGusti, Don Axford** and **Tara Winthers-Norris**, who also submitted petitions supporting Bill C-316.

*"Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today to present a petition with respect to seniors. Today, one in six Canadians is a senior, and in fourteen short years that will be one in four Canadians. The petitioners call upon the House to appoint a minister of seniors and to develop a **national strategy for seniors**. It is their hope that such a focus will allow for better treatment of seniors and a better focus on the issues that affect seniors."*



Len Webber volunteering at a family pancake breakfast event at St. Lukes Church

On Health Issues...

"Three years ago, I had the privilege to also bring forward a private member's bill on organ donation, as a member of the Alberta legislature.

*The intention of the bill was to create a provincial **organ and tissue donation** agency. The bill progressed, was adopted into a government bill, and eventually passed unanimously by all members of the House.*

...I strongly support the idea of getting one's consent to donate organs when someone obtains or renews a driver's licence or a health care card. However, we could even go further and ask it as part of a passport process or other formal registration process. Imagine if we could get the option to declare that a person is a willing organ donor on their income tax return form?

...In closing, rather than continuing to work in silos, our provinces and territories must work together under a national umbrella in order to improve organ donation in this country. We know registries work for organ and tissue donation. We also know that the larger the pool of donors, the better. It only makes sense that we combine our efforts and truly develop a national database that will help achieve our goal to save lives. Even if we are able to save only one life from our efforts, it will have been worth it."

*"I rise today to introduce a bill that would assist the provinces in growing and maintaining their **organ donor registries**. Four thousand six hundred Canadians are currently awaiting a transplant, and we can help. My bill would ask Canadians, on their annual tax return, if they consent to having their provincial or territorial government inform of their desire to be added to their organ donor registry. The bill would be a sensible, cost-effective way of using an existing and legally binding document to annually update organ donor registries throughout the country. It would respect provincial jurisdictions and utilize existing privacy and information-sharing agreements. It would have the potential to save many lives."*
(Learn more at www.lenwebber.ca/billc316)



MP Martin Shields shows his support for Bill C-316

*"Mr. Speaker, there is a sinister disease in Canada. It causes long-term suffering to both its victims and their families, and it's on the rise. **Lyme disease** is passed with a simple tick bite, and there are many ways Canadians can take preventive action. Unfortunately, once bitten, many cases go undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, and simply ignored until the disease sets in. We need better awareness amongst health care professionals and better public awareness. The good news is that it is treatable, but it can take time. While infected, the patients and their families often face tremendous financial difficulties and emotional stress. We need to do more to help those fighting Lyme disease. We thank the **Lyme Disease Association of Alberta** and caregivers like **Nicholas, Ivan** and **Inez** who make recoveries possible."*

On Hate and Intolerance...

"I am sure I speak for all members of the House when I say that there is no place in Canada for hate. We are a peaceful and compassionate society as a whole, but that can never be taken for granted. We have a societal duty every day to defend the country and the way of life we have taken so long to build and defend. At the same time, we have to recognize that we are not perfect as a society. Things that were tolerated in the past are no longer tolerated as we have become more enlightened. As little as a generation ago, it was common to have the LGBTQ community targeted. As a society, we have taken a stand to say this is not what we want in Canada. We now have an intolerance for those who target people based on whom they love. We have an intolerance for those who target our indigenous communities, but we can still do more.

... I am not naive. I know that passing legislation such as this would not fix the backward thinking and prejudices of folks like them. However, it would allow us to deal with bad apples within our community. Hateful actions hurt more than just those they target. They affect the entire community. They divide communities. They foster mistrust among neighbours and make us all feel a little less safe and less secure. These criminals are misguided. They think that their criminal actions will only hurt those whom they hate. However, they often make victims of those they purport to protect in the community. I receive thousands of responses from constituents on a regular basis, as we all do in this House. I am saddened by the very small but consistent number of hateful responses I receive.

*These comments are occasionally targeted at me, but usually at others in our community. **These venomous and toxic comments are targeted at others, based on their skin, their god, their sexual orientation, their political affiliation, or anything that makes them different from the writer. These spreaders of hate know their comments are not welcome in the community, though. They never provide their names. They hide, cowardly, in their anonymity.***

I simply mention this because folks ought to know that their other opinions rarely count for anything in my books, when accompanied by their hateful comments. If they have something constructive and valuable to say, it is best said intelligently, without all the hate.

... Before I close, I want to encourage all Canadians to challenge hate at the source. If we have friends, family members, or co-workers who engage in this type of thing, we should take a moment to let them know that they do not speak for us.

People may be amazed to find that many of these spreaders of hate are incredibly insecure and when they find out that they are alone in their thinking, it can provoke perhaps a moment of personal reflection and perhaps even change. Our silence in situations like this is taken by them as tacit approval of their behaviour. Our silence is seen as agreement with their thinking. We should not let them speak for us.

Recently, we commemorated Remembrance Day.

Tens of thousands of Canadians fought hate. They gave their lives to put down those who sought to reshape human existence through hate. They gave their future so that we could have one. There could be no greater dishonour to their memory and their sacrifices than for us to give up on the fight against hate. Yes, we have the freedom to speak our mind in Canada, but that freedom was found in the fight against hate. Let us not forget that."



Len Webber participating in the raising of the Pride Flag on Parliament Hill.

In Memorium

*“Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I stand today and give tribute to a friend and past colleague, **Mr. Manmeet Singh Bhullar**, who was a member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for Calgary—Greenway. Manmeet was struck and killed by a vehicle two weeks ago, after stopping to help a motorist during a storm on an icy section of the Queen Elizabeth II Highway just north of Red Deer. Manmeet was the youngest MLA ever elected to the Alberta legislature. He was well known for his humanitarian work at home and abroad, most recently advocating tirelessly on behalf of Sikh and Hindu Afghan refugees. I had the honour of working with Manmeet in the Alberta legislature for many years. We both served at one time as cabinet ministers, and we worked closely on numerous issues related to our portfolios. Today I want to extend my sincerest condolences to Manmeet’s wife Namrita and the Bhullar family, as well as his legislative colleagues, some who now serve in this chamber. Rest in peace, Manmeet.”*



*“Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the constituents of Calgary Confederation. Our community lost a friend, a neighbour, and our former representative with the loss of the **Hon. Jim Prentice**. Jim served as our member of Parliament, our member of the Alberta legislature, and our premier, and he represented us with dedication and commitment. He was a statesman in all he did, and our community is forever grateful. Jim always had time for his community and endeared himself to many. His loss is a great loss for our nation and our province, but especially for our community. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Farewell my friend.”*



Len Webber helps with many charities in Calgary including the Children’s Wish Foundation

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