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Alberta has a strong team of Conservative Members of Parliament in Ottawa and we are making sure Alberta's priorities are loudly heard in the House of Commons.

Being in Opposition means we have to work with other parties to advance important issues — and we have! We have managed to make a difference in a wide variety of areas for all Albertans, no matter who you voted for in the last election.

I am pleased to share a small sample of the amazing work and initiatives that your Alberta Conservative MPs have done on your behalf. We will continue to advocate for Alberta at every turn and ensure that Alberta is a key part of Canada's economic recovery.

We will continue to defend our hard-working Albertans and demand that our province get its fair share of support during and after the pandemic.

By working together on your behalf, our Conservative team has been able to magnify our voices and our impact in Parliament. I am thankful that I have the opportunity to work with such a dedicated and hard-working team.

As always, I appreciate your ongoing support and encouragement and consider it an honour to be your elected federal representative in the House of Commons.

Sincerely,

Len Webber, MP
Alberta Caucus Chair

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ORGAN DONATION & GOV'T TRANSPARENCY

Len Webber, MP

Calgary Confederation



I have been a long-time advocate of organ & tissue donation and was instrumental in creating the organ donor registry in Alberta. Currently, my proposed Bill C-210 offers a very simple, very effective method to increase the organ donor base in Canada. By adding a line to the tax forms, Canadians could signal their intent to become an organ & tissue donor and have this information passed onto their provincial government's existing donor registries. So far the Bill has passed unanimously throughout the

political process as it continues through Parliament.

Government accountability and transparency has been a part of my work on the Public Accounts Committee where we review and study the reports of the Auditor General. We have been focusing on many important reports that have shown a great deal of mismanagement and misspending on the part of this current Liberal government.

EQUALIZATION & TRANSFERS FAIRNESS

Tom Kmiec, MP

Calgary Shepard



My Bill C-263, the *Equalization and Transfers Fairness Act* will ensure fairness and transparency to Canada's equalization and transfer system by removing the per capita cap on payments, ensuring the federal government cannot unilaterally change the equalization formula, and making a successful referendum on equalization impossible to ignore.

In 2015-2016, Alberta's revenues dropped by \$8.8 billion. With the fiscal stabilization cap, Alberta only received \$248.3m. Without the cap,

Alberta would have received \$2.9B.

In 2018, despite Alberta's massive drop in revenues, the Liberal government supported and extended the existing formula.

Since 1961, Alberta's net federal fiscal transfers have amounted to more than \$600 billion.

We deserve a fair deal. It's time for equalization fairness. Lean more at tomkniecmp.ca/equalizationfairness

STANDING UP FOR TOURISM

Gerald Soroka, MP

Yellowhead

Tourism has been hard hit as a result of COVID. With Jasper and Jasper National Park in my riding I see the impact daily.

I have been working with travel advisors and local tourism businesses to advocate for their industry. The recovery for these businesses will not be an easy one but with the new rapid Spartan Bio Science PCR test there is great potential to utilize this testing technology to encourage safe travel and help bring business back to this sector and our province.

As a member of the Transport Committee, we recently finished a study on the impact COVID has had on the aviation sector and called for critical support for the industry.

With international travel restrictions, please consider your next vacation within Alberta and check out everything there is to do in Jasper at www.Jasper.Travel.



COMPASSIONATE CARE LEAVE

Matt Jeneroux, MP

Edmonton Riverbend

Grief is something we will all unfortunately experience in our lives, but the federal government could help make the process a little less painful.

My Bill, C-220, proposes to extend compassionate bereavement leave allowed to employees under the Canada Labour Code to 10 days, double the current five days of bereavement time.

This Bill originally proposed to extend Compassionate Care Leave, a program that some Canadians use to

take job-protected leave to care for a terminally ill loved one.

Bill C-220 has unanimously passed Second Reading in the House of Commons in February and will return for its Third Reading in the coming weeks.

You can find out more about my Bill at www.mattjeneroux.ca/bill-c220.



THE RRIF FINANCIAL SECURITY ACT

Kelly McCauley, MP

Edmonton West



In 2016, I introduced the RRIF Financial Security Act, to eliminate the mandatory minimum withdrawal for seniors who hold a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF).

At age 71, RRIF holders must start withdrawing a percentage of their tax-protected savings each year – regardless of whether they need it. Since these withdrawals count as income, they can trigger clawbacks of other benefits. A senior saving for late-in-life expenses like long-term care, could have their benefits re-

duced because of the additional income forcing the spending of these savings. The PBO estimates the added tax from RRIF withdrawals is in the hundreds of millions.

The current system punishes seniors for long-term savings and despite the bill receiving support from all Opposition parties, the Liberals voted against it. I plan on bringing it back at the earliest possible opportunity.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Earl Dreeshen, MP

Red Deer—Mountain View



We all have a role to play in raising awareness and in helping to address mental health issues. I have been a strong advocate on this for many years - especially as it pertains to farmers and their families. In early 2018, I convinced all parties to do a comprehensive study on the rising incidence of mental health issues among farmers, ranchers, and producers. Our final report highlighted areas where more coordinated action is required and where more public education is needed. Canada cannot

have a sustainable food system without sustainable farmers. We heard that stakeholders and all levels of

governments need to act quickly. I continue to advocate for stronger awareness campaigns and for more assistance for Canadians struggling with mental health challenges. You can read our report at www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/42-1/AGRI/report-16/

ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION

Shannon Stubbs, MP

Lakeland

My Bill C-221 proposed a tax incentive for cleaning up closed and abandoned wells to small and medium oil and gas producers – who are already remediation and restoration leaders.

This government's anti-energy policies are shutting down Canada's oil and gas, causing unprecedented bankruptcies and job losses in Canada's energy sector, and a 300% increase in orphaned and abandoned wells in Canada. This Bill would have helped struggling small and medium energy businesses create jobs and

help protect the environment, and ultimately protect taxpayers.

The Liberals, Bloc, and NDPs who voted against Bill C-221 are clearly all talk about the environment because this bill would have actually helped the private sector to raise private funds for orphaned and abandoned well reclamation and remediation, instead of leaving it all up to the tax payers.



GETTING SERIOUS ON RURAL CRIME

Blaine Calkins, MP

Red Deer—Lacombe

In recent years we have been seeing crime rates increase across Canada, and that crime is also getting more severe. This is especially true in rural areas across this province.

And while provincial governments across Canada have responded with concrete measures to tackle this serious issue, this Liberal government has not only refused to take any meaningful action but has actually made the issue worse by making it easier for offenders to get bail, and so that more serious offences can be

punished with a fine.

That is why I am proud to chair the Conservative Rural Crime Caucus. Canada's Conservatives are the only party dedicated to standing up for law-abiding Canadians and we are developing legislation to address the issue of rural crime and advocate for meaningful change that will ensure that criminals face real consequences.



CIVILITY IN POLITICS

Mike Lake, MP

Edmonton–Wetaskiwin



Recent years have been challenging for democracy, with a rise in polarization and increasingly vitriolic language used by hyper-partisans on all sides. Social media has exacerbated the problem. Sides are chosen and anchored in Twitter bios. Talking points are delivered in echo chambers, amplified by cryptic algorithms.

Decades ago, President Dwight Eisenhower seemingly anticipated this, saying "The middle of the road is all of the usable surface. The extremes, right and left, are in the gutters."

Before our political labels, we're all human beings. The middle of the road is simply our common ground.

Make no mistake - passionate debate is foundational to a healthy democracy, but it's most effective when we engage not only seeking to persuade, but open to being persuaded. This will require a significant shift in our current thinking, but in the end, we'll all be better for it.

SUPPORTING FIREARMS OWNERS

Tim Uppal, MP

Edmonton Mill Woods



I didn't grow up around hunting or sports shooting. In fact, when I was a kid, I asked my dad to go camping and he said that he did not move to Canada to cook and sleep outside. But I know how important it is for people in my riding, across Alberta, and right across Canada to own firearms and use them in a safe and lawful manner. It's a way of life.

The reality is that Bill C-21 bans firearms used by law-abiding citizens and doesn't stop the dangerous criminals who obtain their guns illegally. I

stand in support of law-abiding firearm owners and their rights.

I've begun the process of getting my Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) so that I am better informed on issues and challenges surrounding legal firearms ownership. Our Conservative team will continue to stand up for law-abiding firearms owners. For more information, visit timuppall.ca/standing-up-for-legal-firearms-owners/.

PROTECTING WESTERN AVIATION

Stephanie Kusie, MP
Calgary MIndapore



The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a decimation of Canada's aviation industry, and Calgary has been hit hard.

With numerous layoffs, furloughs, cancelled routes and flight reductions, this flagship airline is struggling to remain viable and the job losses are yet another blow to Alberta's economy. As Shadow Minister for Transport I have been working with Conservative caucus Members and stakeholders to move the government towards realizing the urgent need for sector

specific support to help these people who desperately need it.

We initiated a Committee study into the Aviation Sector and we recently brought a motion to the House of Commons calling on the government to ensure these workers and their families see some kind of support in the next federal Budget. It passed – despite the Liberals voting against it.

HELPING THOSE WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Martin Shields, MP
Bow River



Over 4,000 Canadians are afflicted with Cystic Fibrosis and together with my Conservative colleagues, we are raising awareness and creating better access to life-saving medicines.

Through Conservative caucus leadership, a multi-party initiative arose to lobby the Health Minister because drugs like Trikafta have been bogged down in the regulatory process. Canadians are needlessly suffering because access is delayed. This drug has the potential of treating about 90% of those with CF.

By advocating for its approval, it has now been accepted by Health Canada for Priority Review.

This means Canadians may soon be able to access these medicines to get some peace of mind – pending provincial approval. In Canada, we pride ourselves on having world class healthcare options, and government regulation should not stand in the way of providing that care for Canadians.

AGRICULTURE IS OUR SUPERPOWER

Rachael Harder, MP
Lethbridge



As a southern Alberta MP, advocating for our agricultural sector is one of my main priorities. I believe agriculture is Canada's unsung superpower! Our producers not only feed Canada, but we are blessed with abundance that allows us to feed the world! Agriculture and agri-food contribute over \$100 billion to our economy, which is roughly 7% of the nation's GDP and 12% of Canadian employment. It's remarkable! The agricultural sector merits national pride and attention. It's not only about food security,

but the use of cutting-edge technology, scientific advancement, and leading the way in environmental protection and stewardship. We are world leaders in technology and innovation. As we emerge from the pandemic, we need to put agriculture at the forefront of our recovery efforts. It's Canada's superpower and a global powerhouse. It is worthy of our focus, investment, and promotion!

STANDING UP FOR CANADIANS ABROAD

Ron Liepert, MP
Calgary Signal Hill



It is now more than two years since Canadians Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig were arbitrarily detained by the Chinese government.

Michael Spavor's family members are my constituents and are increasingly concerned for his well being .

In contrast, Meng Wenzhou is given due process in almost total freedom in Vancouver, Michael Spavor has been a total prisoner of the Chinese government in apparent retaliation for her arrest. I've called on the Minister

of Foreign Affairs to elevate this file and secure the freedom of these two innocent Canadians citizens.

The Spavor family is grateful for the work of Canadian officials, including Ambassador Barton, however while the Minister expresses concern for the two Canadians the file appears stalled. Conservatives will continue to push the government to negotiate their release.

SUPPORTING GRIEVING PARENTS

Blake Richards, MP
Banff—Airdrie



After hearing from parents in his riding whose infant tragically passed away, MP Blake Richards was appalled to learn about the treatment they received from the federal government. When trying to access government support in their time of grief, they were met with a cold and heartless bureaucracy. These parents were actually told that their support ended because their “child ceased to exist.”

He wanted to ensure that families suffering the loss of an infant would never again be faced with undue

financial or emotional hardship. He introduced Motion 110, a non-partisan initiative, to study how the government can better support grieving parents after losing their infant. The study continues to make its way through Parliament, and recommendations have been made to better support grieving parents.

Learn more at www.blakerichards.ca/motion-110/

OVERCOMING THE STIGMA

John Barlow, MP
Foothills



Opioid addiction is a serious problem, but the situation has surpassed a crisis level due in large part to the stress and unemployment brought about by the pandemic. In Alberta specifically, opioid overdose deaths and suicides tripled from January to July last year.

This is an issue we must take seriously. I am co-chairing a Conservative Opioid Crisis Working Group. Our aim is to look at the crisis holistically and with compassion. We are exploring policies to save lives and break

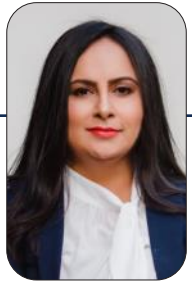
the cycle of misery and tragedy.

Working together, we hope to build a framework to get dealers off the streets and offer those struggling a tangible pathway to successful recovery.

The effects of the pandemic on mental health are real and long-lasting. Finding a solution to the mental health and opioid crisis in Canada simply cannot wait any longer.

FAMILY-BASED VIOLENCE

Jag Sahota, MP
Calgary Skyview



As the Shadow Minister for Women and Gender Equality I have spent the last number of months meeting with stakeholders and survivors of family violence. I have heard from these individuals about how violence within their homes and relationships has impacted them and the long-lasting effects it can have. These stories are often heartbreaking and are completely unacceptable in a country that values the rule of law.

Each of us as individuals have a role to play in our relationships to make

sure that no person is forced to suffer abuse of any kind.

Over the last year I have been developing and working on ways that our Conservative Caucus can better combat family-based violence and continue to hold this Liberal government accountable to the millions of Canadians that will experience family violence in their lifetimes.

ENDING EXPLOITATION

Arnold Viersen, MP
Peace River—Westlock



Today, human trafficking is happening 10 minutes from where you live and online exploitation can happen anywhere. That is why I have actively fought against these since elected in 2015.

My Motion M-47 instructed the Health Committee to examine the public health effects of accessible online violent and degrading sexually explicit material on adults and youth. Working across party lines, I was able to gain the unanimous support of all parties for Motion M-47.

In 2018, I launched the All-Party Parliamentary Group to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking and we regularly hold briefings for Parliamentarians and actively move policies forward including the introduction of the Modern Slavery Act. We facilitated the unanimous support for National Human Trafficking Awareness Day every February 22. You can find out more at www.mparnold.ca

OPENING FOREIGN MARKETS

James Cumming, MP
Edmonton Centre



To support access to foreign markets, I re-introduced my Private Members Bill C-229, An Act to Repeal Certain Restrictions on Shipping.

As producers of the most ethical and environmentally friendly energy in the world, Canada needs a reliable way to export its oil and natural resources to foreign markets. The ban on shipping our product on the Western coast made this more difficult. There was no similar ban on our East coast which continues to see foreign oil imports at a staggering rate.

Opening trade routes is key to thousands of jobs that will lead Canada's recovery-throughout Canada and First Nations' communities.

Unfortunately, without support from the other political parties, Bill C-229 was recently defeated but I remain committed to standing up for our energy industry and securing jobs for Canadian energy workers.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

Greg McLean, MP
Calgary Centre



Canada's energy sector is unparalleled in its responsible approach to resource development, to the economic advancement of Indigenous communities, and in innovation that protects the environment. We must get that message out to Canadians with results that cannot be denied.

I have highlighted our province's energy and environment achievements in Parliament and across Canada. My two private members bills focused on these themes. Bill C-214 would have created tax incentives for well remedi-

ation, allowing the oil and gas sector to be treated equitably with Canada's other industries. Bill C-262 incentivizes carbon capture, utilization, and storage, and is our most tangible path forward to meeting Canada's environmental commitments.

Highlighting our world class environmental leadership and innovation moves our industry and our country forward while creating good jobs.

PROTECTING OUR ENERGY SUPPLY

Jasraj Singh Hallan, MP

Calgary Forest Lawn



Our caucus and I have been working very hard at raising the awareness across the country on Pipelines and Oil & Gas issues but the potential closure of Enbridge's Line 5 in May has finally gotten the attention of people in Ontario and Quebec.

Line 5 ships a significant amount of Alberta light oil and natural gas to Michigan, Ohio and Ontario and Quebec.

Finding out that their province could lose half of their oil and natural gas

supplies has been quite shocking for so many, particularly those that work in industries that depend on those products like refineries.

Just imagine a winter where there isn't enough natural gas to heat your home and there isn't enough gasoline to get your kids to school or you to work. That will be an awfully cold reality for many people if that's allowed to happen.

SUPPORTING OIL & GAS WORKERS

Ziad Aboultaif, MP

Edmonton Manning



I have presented a motion to give the House of Commons an opportunity to express its support to our energy sector.

It's no secret that Albertans has experienced the effects of special interest groups fighting our industries. It is more important than ever to bring this Motion in front of Parliament so proponents of oil and gas can speak up and show how essential this industry and its products are to Canadians. We need to demonstrate that Alberta's energy is a technological

marvel in the 21st century and a hub for a cleaner energy sector that incorporates natural resources.

If we give up, we will not pave the way for green energy. Instead, we would empower a dependence towards regimes that do not care about climate change and human rights. We need to stand up for Canada and Canadian workers, especially here in Alberta.

RESPONSIBLE EMERGENCY PLANNING

Glen Motz, MP

Medicine Hat—Cardston—Warner



As a former law enforcement professional, I know proper contingency planning for emergency situations is critical. After a year of record spending and debt, Canada's pandemic response remains incoherent. Canada is not much further ahead. We have lost thousands of lives and hundreds of thousands of jobs. And the Liberals continue to ignore emergency management principles.

Previous plans were based on hard lessons learned from past pandemics, based on emergency management

best practices: minimize societal impacts; inform the public; and issue a clear plan to address it. But we still have no real plan different from a year ago. Lockdowns were supposed to buy time for permanent solutions, not create a perpetual pandemic. We have no domestic vaccines and hotel quarantines instead of rapid testing. We will continue to hold the government accountable.

RURAL COMMUNITIES & BUSINESSES

Dane Lloyd, MP

Sturgeon River—Parkland



As Shadow Minister for Rural Economic Development I am passionate about fighting for our rural communities and businesses. Since taking on the role, I have challenged the Liberal Government on their failure to provide effective broadband access for rural communities. I have stood up for the Hunting & Angling sectors that have struggled with the devastating impact of COVID-19 on tourism.

I have also raised the case of Credit Unions, which are used by farmers, small businesses, and rural residents.

Credit Unions are not being treated fairly by the federal government. While big corporate banks get a break on charging GST for investment services, Credit Unions do not. It's time to end the inequity between big banks and the Credit Unions that rural Canadians rely on. I look forward to continuing to advocate for the fair treatment of our local Credit Unions.

SECURE THE ENVIRONMENT

PERSONAL LOW CARBON SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

Canada's Conservatives will work with the provinces to implement an innovative, national, **Personal Low Carbon Savings Account**. This will put a

price on carbon for consumers without one penny going to the government. It will be completely transparent and engage consumers in the process of building a lower carbon future.

Canadians will pay into their **Personal Low Carbon Savings Account** each time they buy hydrocarbon-based fuel. They will be able to apply the money in their account towards things that help them live a greener life. That could mean buying a transit pass or a bicycle, or saving up and putting the money towards a new efficient furnace, energy efficient windows or even an electric vehicle.

Our plan will ensure that Canadians do their part to fight climate change, in the way that works best for them, and at a carbon price that is affordable: starting at \$20/tonne and increasing to \$50/tonne but no further. Even at this lower carbon price, we will ensure that this does not place an unfair burden on low-income Canadians and farmers.



Read our plan at
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