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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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STANDING UP FOR UKRAINE

Len Webber, MP
Calgary Confederation



Like many of my Conservative colleagues, I have been officially 'blacklisted' by the Russian government for standing up for the people of Ukraine. This will not silence us.

More than ever, world order relies on countries working together to oppose dictators and tyrants. Left unchecked, these people will wage war, terrorize innocent populations and disrupt the global economy.

By supporting Ukrainians and taking a principled stand against the war,

we ensure Canada and her allies uphold global stability and the rule of law.

Canadians from coast-to-coast have opened up their hearts and their homes to help Ukrainian refugees and have again showed that Canada is willing to do its part to help those in need around the world.

It reminds us all that we are blessed to live in a country like Canada.

ADDRESSING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Ron Liepert, MP
Calgary Signal Hill



Housing affordability continues to be a key issue for many Albertans - particularly young professionals who are entering the housing market for the first time. A recent survey said that 6 in 10 who do not currently own a home have all but given up on the possibility of ever owning one. We recognize that the Liberal government's lack of action on inflation and on speculative purchasing by foreign buyers are key drivers of unaffordability. At the same time, we also recognize that for many of us, our house

represents our retirement fund and therefore staunchly oppose proposals which would tax primary residences.

Through my work on the Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities Committee, we continue to push for solutions that are not just handouts, but actually put working professionals in a position where they can enter the housing market.

HELPING OUR HELPERS

Kelly McCauley, MP

Edmonton West



My riding is blessed to be home to many charities and not-for-profit organizations that work hard every day to make our community a better place. They serve the at risk and under privileged and provide dignity and care for many. In six years as an MP, I have had the pleasure of helping these organizations with significant government funding to ensure that they can continue providing their vital services to people in need.

Great examples of these organizations include Our House Addiction

Recovery Centre, a not-for-profit that provides a safe environment for those seeking help for addiction and Elves Special Needs Society, who care and love for special needs individuals of all ages.

These organizations are the reason Edmonton was named *City of Champions*. Because these and others are champions of giving and serving. And they deserve our help.

FATHER'S DAY ON THE HILL

Matt Jeneroux, MP

Edmonton Riverbend



Men's mental health is vital to families and communities alike, and yet it's not discussed nearly enough. In Canada alone, 75% of people who die by suicide are men, despite suffering depression at about the same rate as women.

That's why I started Father's Day on the Hill. As we enter our 5th annual event, the purpose is to bring various stakeholders and policy-makers together to spark conversations and bring awareness to just how important the men in our lives are.

Through striking conversation and raising awareness, I hope to remove the stigma towards men's mental health and show it's okay not to be okay.

For further resources, consider visiting The Mental Health Commission of Canada's website at www.mentalhealthcommission.ca or my website for event information at www.mattjeneroux.ca.

SUPPORTING GRIEVING PARENTS

Tom Kmiec, MP
Calgary Shepard



In December, I worked with MPs from other parties to get bereavement leave for grieving parents.

Being a parliamentarian, legislator and Opposition MP, I have to work extra hard to get things done.

When the Liberal government wanted to pass Bill C-3 before Christmas, I saw an opportunity to get results for Canadians. We amended the federal government's legislation to add a part of my Private Member's Bill C-211 and got six weeks of unpaid, job

protected leave added to the federal Labour Code. In politics, you have to be relentless and determined to get stuff done.

I personally understand that grief and am pleased that this change will now serve as a model to provinces that may expand their own provincial labour codes to broaden bereavement leave for stillbirths, miscarriages and the deaths of minors.

REVIVING ALBERTA'S ECONOMY

Earl Dreeshen, MP
Red Deer—Mountain View



As Vice-Chair of the Environment and Sustainable Development Committee I, along with my Conservative colleagues, have been working tirelessly to defend the energy industry that has contributed so much to Canada's prosperity. I welcomed the recent decision by the Alberta courts confirming that Bill C-69 the *Impact Assessment Act* is unconstitutional.

Recently, my staff and I have seen a dramatic increase in the number of constituents who have fallen through the cracks with this NDP/Liberal

coalition. I have been getting lots of calls, emails, and letters expressing many concerns over the rising cost of everyday items, passports, and our slow economic recovery post-covid.

Our Alberta Conservative team is working to hold this coalition to account for their many failings. We know Albertans are counting on us to be their strong voice in Ottawa.

ENSURING RURAL VOICES HEARD

Shannon Stubbs, MP

Lakeland



My top job is to speak truth to power for the people I represent, so I make sure Albertans and rural Canadians are heard from directly in Ottawa, as my colleagues do for their ridings.

In the last three months alone, I have facilitated five separate testimony appearances before House of Commons committees. This ensures that dozens of Albertan voices, from academics and industry experts to town councillors and local business operators in Lakeland are heard. They have appeared to talk about

natural resources, economic development, and public safety since I was elected in 2015 -- all key priorities for rural Canadians.

Rural Canadians make outsized economic contributions to the whole country, and that's why Conservatives will keep fighting for less red tape, lower taxes, more affordable cost of living, and more freedom and opportunity for all Canadians.

CANADA'S OUTDOOR WAY OF LIFE

Blaine Calkins, MP

Red Deer—Lacombe



As the Chair of the Conservative Hunting and Angling Caucus I am proud to stand up for hunters, anglers, trappers and all of those who participate in the outdoor way of life. This important group is the largest Conservative issue-based caucus, because we understand that those who spend time out on the land and water are the ones who understand it best.

Hunters and anglers were Canada's first conservationists, and they deserve to be recognized for the vast

contributions they make to conserving and enhancing fish and wildlife populations, conserving habitat, and protecting the environment.

Conservatives will always defend those who lawfully possess and use firearms. Those who pursue an outdoor way of life will always be trusted advisors to a Conservative government!

FIGHTING UNNECESSARY RED TAPE

Chris Warkentin, MP
Grande Prairie—Mackenzie



Albertans know that sometimes the best help government can provide is to simply get out of their way.

Canadian business owners and entrepreneurs spend billions every year to deal with unnecessary and redundant government red-tape, bureaucratic delays and missed opportunities.

As a member of the House of Commons Scrutiny of Regulations Committee, I have seen the destructive impact of confusing, conflicting and over-burdensome regulation.

We must eliminate these unnecessary barriers and unleash the innovation and creativity of Canadians to create jobs and prosperity for future generations.

I work with my Conservative caucus to identify and help eliminate these barriers to Canadian prosperity. If you have an example, let me know at chris.warkentin@parl.gc.ca. so we can work with you to fix it.

REUNITING FAMILIES

Bob Benzen, MP
Calgary Heritage



As a member of the Citizenship and Immigration committee, I see first-hand the bottlenecks in our immigration system that keep families separated.

We are working as a committee to fix the systemic problems, but in the meantime real people need real help now. As problems and delays mount in the system, immigration problems have become the lion's share of requests for assistance my office received. Some of the most gratifying work we do in our constituency office

is to help people stranded in bureaucratic limbo.

Working alongside my staff in recent months, we have been able to reunite families, expedite clearances, and even get exceptions to vaccine mandates to get people aboard airplanes.

Families belong together, and it's satisfying to know sometimes we can make that happen.

LET'S DO IT FOR ADAM

Stephanie Kusie, MP

Calgary MIndapore



In March, I tabled legislation which would mandate operational collision avoidance systems – FLARM - for gliding clubs in Canada.

Bill C-259 is the result of a commitment I made to Martina and Bradley Leinweber of Calgary who lost their son Adam in a 2019 gliding crash. The tow plane's avoidance system was not working and both Adam and his flight instructor were killed.

There is no current requirement that these safety systems be used in Can-

ada, and there have been 30 confirmed incidents or near misses involving gliders since 2010 - nine of which involved commercial aircraft. This should concern anyone who travels by air.

The Leinweber's have worked to increase aviation safety for all Canadians since Adam's death, and I am honoured to help them move closer to that goal.

NO AUTOMATIC TAX INCREASES

Pat Kelly, MP

Calgary Rocky Ridge



The tax on beer, wine and spirits increases annually on April 1st without a vote in Parliament.

No government should have the power to increase taxes automatically, without a vote in Parliament.

I have tabled Bill C-266 which would repeal the Liberal government's automatic annual tax increase.

Canada's brewers, vintners, and distillers already pay among the highest taxes in the world on their products, and this competitive

disadvantage now gets worse automatically every year.

This automatic tax increase is turning simple pleasures like enjoying a beer with friends after work, or sharing a bottle of wine with a loved one, into unaffordable luxuries for working people.

If passed, this Bill will give consumers a break and help our producers compete internationally.

SUPPORTING JUROR MENTAL HEALTH

Michael Cooper, MP

St. Albert—Edmonton



It's a Criminal Code offence for former jurors to disclose any aspect of the deliberation process - even with mental health professionals. Being unable to talk about what can be the most stressful aspect of jury service prevents former jurors suffering from mental health issues from getting the help they need and deserve.

Since 2018, I have worked to amend the Criminal Code so that former jurors suffering from mental health issues can disclose all aspects of their jury service with a mental health

professional, bound by confidentiality. It protects the integrity of the rule while ensuring that former jurors can get the help they need.

I'm pleased that Bill S-206, has made substantial progress, passing the Senate and second reading stage in the House of Commons unanimously. I look forward to working with colleagues across party lines to see that it is passed into law.

STANDING UP FOR AGRICULTURE

John Barlow, MP

Foothills



I am proud to be championing two important Bills for Agriculture and Canada's farm families.

I have once again tabled my Private Member's Bill to amend the Health of Animals Act. This bill is an important step in protecting biosecurity on farms, but also about standing up for the mental health of our hardworking farm families.

As well, I have seconded MP Ben Lobb's Bill C-234, which would exempt farm fuel from the carbon

tax. For far too long, farmers have paid tens of thousands of dollars in carbon tax to produce food for Canadian families - it is time to right that wrong.

Conservatives will continue to tirelessly advocate for the removal of the carbon tax from on-farm fuels as well as increased safeguards for on-farm biosecurity.

SUPPORTING TOURISM WORKERS

Blake Richards, MP

Banff—Airdrie



I represent one of Canada's premiere tourist destinations and understand the importance of the tourism sector in supporting jobs and the economy.

With my colleagues in the Conservative Tourism Caucus, we have fought for the tourism sector as it recovers from years of challenges, including calling on the Liberal Minister of Tourism for an end to testing requirements for travelers entering Canada.

In April, I held community roundtable discussions with tourism stakeholders

to hear about the challenges and concerns they face, and how they can best be addressed.

I also challenged the Liberals on their failure to address labour shortages and the ongoing issues with the Temporary Foreign Worker Program which greatly affect the industry.

The tourism industry has been very hard-hit, but they have Canada's Conservatives in their corner.

UPHOLDING DEMOCRACY

Jasraj Singh Hallan, MP

Calgary Forest Lawn



The Liberals continue to ignore democratic votes in Parliament and Canadians should be concerned.

The Liberals have ignored votes calling for visa-free travel from Ukraine to Canada, including by the rapid issuance of electronic travel authorization and by increasing staff so that the existing immigration backlog is not further impacted by this crisis.

This is not the first time they have done this. Over 600 days ago the House of Commons unanimously

called for a three-digit suicide (988) prevention hotline. MPs also demanded the government to release documents related to the firing of two scientists from the Winnipeg national microbiology laboratory. The government chose to take the Speaker of the House to court rather than release those documents to Canadians.

I will always demand that the democratic will of Parliament be respected.

SEND A MESSAGE TO THE PM TODAY

Michelle Rempel-Garner, MP

Calgary Nose Hill



Recently Alberta's highest court ruled that Bill C-69 was unconstitutional, confirming what Albertans already knew- this bill was nothing more than an ideologically driven power grab by Justin Trudeau that aimed to destroy Alberta's energy sector. This government's constant attacks on Alberta's economy has cost thousands of jobs and destroyed livelihoods in our province. After six years of ideological attacks by the Prime Minister, Alberta deserves recompense for the destructive policy decisions.

This is no longer a partisan issue. I have launched a petition calling on the government to respect the ruling of the independent judiciary by not seeking further appeals, recognize this legislation as unconstitutional and immediately repeal Bill C-69. Enough is enough. You can add your support by signing this petition here: <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-4012>.

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

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

Greg McLean, MP

Calgary Centre



Conservatives have been battling Bill C-69, (the “No More Pipelines” Bill, formally the *Impact Assessment Act*) for years. Not only does it grant the Minister of the Environment the sole authority to shut down a project even after years of planning and building consensus. It is actually intended to prevent those projects from even reaching the drawing board as part of the Liberal view that resource development is bad. Period. (Although they don’t mind spending the money it generates).

The Alberta Court of Appeal has now ruled that the Bill is a naked power grab by the federal government because resource development is clearly provincial jurisdiction.

The federal Liberals will appeal, of course, because they don’t relinquish power easily. You can be assured the Conservatives will keep fighting and I will proudly defend our energy jobs.

MENTAL HEALTH & EMPATHY

Mike Lake, MP

Edmonton–Wetaskiwin



As Shadow Minister for Mental Health, Addictions and Suicide Prevention, I recently said in the House of Commons: “Mr. Speaker, this week is Mental Health Week, and this year’s theme is “Empathy.”

Now, of course, this is an interesting place and time to be making a statement on empathy. How do we – not just politicians, but all Canadians – passionately debate critical issues in a way that doesn’t relentlessly chip away at our collective mental health? For starters, I’d argue that we all

need to scale down the verbal bombardment of one another from behind digital barricades. We need to listen, and listening needs to be more than skimming through responses to our social media posts, virtually high-fiving those who agree, and cleverly smacking down those who challenge us. This is not healthy for our democracy, and it’s not healthy for us as human beings.”

READY TO TRAVEL

Laila Goodridge, MP
Fort McMurray—Cold Lake



For over two years, Canadians were told to stay home and to avoid to non-essential travel, and now as the world reopens Canadians are being left in a lurch due to a lack of planning from this Liberal government.

Canadians are ready to travel again for business, leisure, and to see loved ones again, but severe backlogs have ground Service Canada locations across the country to a halt. This has prevented Canadians from being able to get Passports and other basic government services. Furthermore,

we are one of the only countries that continues to have domestic travel mandates and restrictions, which limit Canadians from freely traveling within their own country.

Conservatives continue to call on the federal Liberals to fix their mess at Service Canada and end their vindictive mandates and restrictions so that Canadians can live their lives.

STANDING UP FOR FREE SPEECH

Ziad Aboultaif, MP
Edmonton Manning



Many people are concerned about Liberal plans to limit the free speech of Canadians, especially online. I will continue to stand up for your constitutional rights. I spoke in the House of Commons on Bill C-11, the *Online Streaming Act* and said:

"This Bill is not about broadcasting, but about extending the reach of government in an attempt to control the internet and free speech.

For 20 years there have been calls for the government to redefine the

internet as broadcasting. Wise people resisted that argument, realizing that the internet is an example of the democratization of communications. Groups with limited or no access to traditional broadcasting, such as indigenous Canadians, now have unlimited access and ability to tell their stories without government interference. The Liberals want that to end."

EMERGENCIES ACT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Glen Motz, MP

Medicine Hat—Cardston—Warner



I am part of an all-party committee struck to review the Trudeau Liberals' unprecedented step of invoking the Emergencies Act in response to the Freedom Convoy 2022 protests.

It is comprised of seven Members of Parliament and four Senators and is tasked with reviewing the reasons for the decision and the actions taken.

Committee members anticipate being made privy to information the government relied upon that precipitated the invocation of the Act, and therefore

have taken an Oath of Secrecy due to the Act's cautionary wording and some potential sensitivities.

Work began in mid-March and is expected to take as much time as is necessary to conduct a thorough review. The Committee desires transparency and accountability to the Canadian public with meetings available to view at www.parl.ca/Committees/en/DEDC.

EMERGENCIES ACT ACCOUNTABILITY

Dane Lloyd, MP

Sturgeon River—Parkland



The invocation of the *Emergencies Act* has been on the minds of all Canadians as our nation reflects on the actions taken by the Liberal government back in February.

As Shadow Minister for Emergency Preparedness, I have been fighting to make the Liberals answer for this infringement on the civil liberties of Canadians. I have been hard at work in committee questioning key witnesses demanding evidence on how they could justify invoking this never before used Act.

Finding the truth about what happened in Ottawa with the Emergencies Act is my top priority.

Any time a government takes such drastic action, it needs to be justified and questions need to be answered.

As Conservatives we will always fight to protect the civil liberties of Canadians and to hold the Liberals accountable for their overreach.

Looking for a job?

If you are seeking employment, visit www.jobbank.gc.ca for a list of public and private sector job opportunities.

You can search for job by location, type, full time/part time/casual.

You can also download the app, set up alerts, look for skills matches and build your resume.

Looking for benefits?

If you are in need of government assistance benefits, visit www.canadabenefits.gc.ca

You will be provided with all the benefits you may be eligible for after answering 20 multiple-choice questions.

You may be surprised to find out you are entitled to benefits you are not currently receiving.

Looking for help?

The effects of social distancing and social isolation have had an adverse impact on the mental health of many, but help is available.

If you need to speak to someone, please call 811, or call the Mental Health Helpline at 1-877-303-2642. Youth can get help through Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868.

Need COVID info?

For current and accurate information on COVID-19, please visit www.canada.ca/coronavirus.

You can find information on the current situation, financial and economic support, your health, limiting the spread, travel and immigration, and how you can help combat COVID-19.