

BETTER GOVERNMENT

IS POSSIBLE

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There have been times over the past five years when constituents have challenged me as to the manner in which Conservative Members of Parliament, including myself, have confronted or questioned Liberal legislation, Liberal ministers, or demanded answers of government - often through heated debate in the House of Commons or at Committees.

Some consider Conservative methods as being overly critical or politically partisan when we point out Liberal scandals, corruption, ethics violations, or matters that are simply not in the best interests of Canada or Canadians. However, as the Official Opposition we are fulfilling our responsibility in holding the government to the highest democratic standards expected by the people of this great country who we were elected to serve.

Unfortunately, the Trudeau Liberal failures are so numerous and egregious that Canadians have understandably lost trust in government. When Canadians speak of their government, their words should reflect pride in the values, principles, and beliefs of their federal leadership and how those foundational platforms are improving the lives of Canadians.

Conservatives have a plan to re-instill hope and rejuvenate the national pride that has been missing for far too long. After all, it was Conserva-

tive values that founded this great country and can restore it to what it once was and better.

We stand for sovereignty and a strong national defence; open federalism and national unity; free enterprise and individual achievement; and the opportunity for all Canadians, regardless of their background, to achieve their dreams in a safe, healthy, and prosperous country. We believe in a balance between fiscal responsibility, compassionate social

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policy that empowers the less fortunate, the equality of opportunity, and the rights and responsibilities of individuals and families. We recognize the regional, cultural and socio-economic diversity of our country, with the understanding that by embracing our differences we honour the concept of Canada as the greater sum of all of its strong parts. We are all better together and understand that responsible government can repair the breaches that are currently tearing at our national fabric.

We stand for a nation that is strong, independent and free by believing in the equality of all Canadians, in the value and dignity of all human life,

and in the freedom of the individual, including freedom of speech, worship and assembly. We trust in the institutions of Parliament and the democratic process, along with the sustainability of strong provincial and territorial governments.

Conservative beliefs are common sense beliefs easily embraced by all Canadians. We recognize that the quality of the environment is a vital part of our heritage to be protected by each generation for the next. Also vital is providing reasonable access to quality healthcare regardless of ability to pay, and creating a climate where individual initiative is rewarded, excellence pursued, security and privacy of the individual is provided and prosperity is guaranteed by a free competitive market economy.

There is no room for entitlement in a Conservative government, for we know good and responsible leadership is attentive to the people it represents, and elected officials must at all times conduct themselves in an ethical manner and display integrity, honesty and concern for the best interest of all.

These values, principles and beliefs are not an unattainable dream of Canadians. They should be expected from their government. I believe they are possible with a principled, Canadians' focused, strong, ethical Conservative government.

Over the past few years, Alberta struggled through economic hard times caused in part by the anti-energy policies of the Liberal government. At the same time, our province was forced to continue paying more than our fair share to support the rest of the country through the Fiscal Stabilization Program.

Created in 1967 to provide support to provincial governments experiencing a sudden and significant drop in revenue, this program should have helped to 'stabilize' Alberta's finances. However, by ignoring pleas to adjust the stabilization formula, the Liberals forced Albertans to continue paying out massive sums to 'have not' provinces, while we were struggling. It seems they conveniently forgot that Alberta had contributed more than \$600-billion to the rest of Canada over the past 50-years, but were unworthy of reciprocal assistance during our own crisis.

Recognizing the unfairness of the stabilization program to Alberta and other resource rich provinces, Canada's Conservatives have unveiled a policy to end the fiscal mistreatment of western provinces when economic downturns occur. This is an initial first step in correcting the inequities within confederation.

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Adjustments to the Fiscal Stabilization Program include: removing the per person payout cap; lowering the revenue decline threshold so that it is triggered at 3% rather than the current 5%; lowering the resource revenue decline threshold so that it is triggered at 40% rather than the current 50%; and making these changes retroactive to 2015. While this would

benefit all provinces, it would benefit Alberta the most, as it is expected these changes would mean up to an extra \$5-billion for the provinces immediately, including approximately \$4-billion for Alberta. This figure includes the retroactive payments for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years during which Alberta suffered significant economic challenges.

Canada, as a federation, should mean being there to support one another in good times, but also during challenging times. Conservatives' new Equalization rebate will embody the spirit of federation with the federal government stepping up for the provinces that require it the most in times of need. This policy is a starting point aimed at strengthening confederation by making all provinces more resilient to future economic shocks that cause sharp revenue declines.

HOW WE CAN HELP

INQUIRIES WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

- Service Canada
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Phoenix Pay
- Veterans Affairs
- Immigration

INQUIRIES ON COVID-19 SPECIFIC BENEFITS:

- Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB, formerly CERB)
- Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)
- Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)

THE FIRST STEPS TO ENSURING FAIRNESS FOR ALBERTA:

- Fix the equalization rebate.
- End the tanker ban.
- Fix the Impact Assessment process to ensure pipelines get built.
- Implement a federal LNG Export Strategy.



GETTING RESULTS FOR CANADIANS: ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE SPRING SESSION



Conservative Members of Parliament have made a significant impact on the betterment of Canadians' lives through the recent passage of several pieces of legislation, which is no small feat for Opposition MPs. Historically, Private Members Bills (PMBs) have only had a 1.9% success rate in becoming law.

However, through collaboration with all-party colleagues, who put partisan politics aside in favour of valuing the strong, common-sense bills introduced by our Conservative team, our achievements on behalf of Canadians were considerable.

Conservatives have always fought hard for Canadians, especially while in Opposition, as holding the sitting government to account is our job. This was made critically important over the past 18-months as Canada struggled through the COVID pandemic. The impact we had in altering/enhancing Liberal pandemic support programs was significant, in addition to getting our own bills through the House of Commons.

The achievements of Conservatives as Opposition give Canadians across the country confidence that when we form Government following the next election – whenever that may be – there will be quality leadership, with policies that support and enhance our daily lives.

Five Private Members Bills received Royal Assent and became law in late June, while additional legislative proposals passed through the House and are awaiting consideration in the Senate. Numerous others remain at various stages tabled in Parliament, and will continue to work through the process when the House resumes.

Conservative bills that have received Royal Assent and are now law:

C-210 (Len Webber, AB): Allows Canadians to register as an organ and tissue donor through their annual tax form.

C-220 (Matt Jeneroux, AB): Extends the allowable time off for bereavement following the death of a loved one.

C-208 (Larry Maguire, MB): Removes the unfair tax burden families experience when transferring a farm or business to their children or grandchildren.

C-228 (Richard Bragdon, MB): Provides for the development and implementation of a federal framework to reduce recidivism by assisting the rehabilitation of offenders and their reintegration into the community as law-abiding citizens.

C-218 (Kevin Waugh, SK): Legalizes single-event sports betting and allows the provincial governments to regulate it in a safe and responsible way.

Conservative bills passed in the House of Commons and now before the Senate:

C-206 (Philip Lawrence, ON): Amends the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* to remove the carbon tax on gasoline, diesel fuel, and natural gas used by farmers.

C-204 (Scot Davidson, ON): Amends the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, to prohibit the export of certain types of plastic waste to foreign countries for final disposal.

The Trudeau government has been found in contempt of Parliament for breaking our democratic laws, withholding information, and obstruction. Should violating Canada's laws require politicians to resign or be removed?

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