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Dear Friend,

Over the past two weeks I have spent much of my time listening to Canadians and sharing in their anger and their sorrow following the discovery of the remains of 215 children buried at the site of the Kamloops Indian Residential School.

It is important to grieve and show compassion for survivors and the families that were separated under this shameful policy, but the Canadian government must take concrete steps to advance the process of reconciliation with indigenous Canadians.

In a May 31 letter to the Prime Minister, Conservative leader Erin O'Toole recommended:

- Developing a comprehensive plan to implement Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action 71 through 76 by July 1, 2021;
- Funding the investigation at all former residential schools in Canada where unmarked graves may exist, including the site where 215 children have already been discovered;
- Ensuring that proper resources are allocated for communities to reinter, commemorate, and honour any individuals discovered through the investigation, according to the wishes of their next of kin; and
- Developing a detailed and thorough set of resources to educate Canadians of all ages on the tragic history of residential schools in Canada.

On June 7, I joined parliamentarians from all parties and voted in favour of a very strong NDP opposition motion that also made several important recommendations to the government, including that the federal government drop its appeal of rulings against the government regarding adequate compensation and funding for First Nation's children. The motion was passed unanimously, with the Liberal cabinet abstaining.

Later on June 7th, Canadians first learned from media reports that the horrible tragedy in London Ontario was motivated by hatred and bigotry.

This attack is an affront to Canada's most basic values. Targeting victims for their faith is a calculated attempt to frighten and intimidate all Muslims and must be condemned for what it was, an act of terrorism.

To the family of the victims, my deepest condolences; to the injured survivor, my best wishes for recovery; and to the Muslim community, in Calgary Rocky Ridge, in London, and across Canada, I stand in solidarity.

The Parliamentary session will end soon and with the expected relaxation of public health restrictions, I hope that I may once again be able to open my office to visitors and meet constituents at community events. I wish you all the best for a safe, active, fun and social summer.

-Pat Kelly



MONTHLY POLL QUESTION

Should the CRTC have the power to regulate what Canadians post on the internet?

RESPOND HERE

Last month's poll question: *How concerned are you about the increasing level of debt in Canada?*

89%-Very 3%-Fairly 2%-A little 6%-Not at all



SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

As the **Shadow Minister for Small Business and Western Economic Development**, I continue to seek feedback from constituents regarding the government's policy. If you are a small business owner and are willing to share your experience, whether it be about successes or challenges, this helps to inform me in my role. Your input is welcome at pat.kelly@parl.gc.ca.

I have spoken up many times in support of Small Businesses in the House of Commons and in meetings of the Standing Committee on Finance. **Videos** of these speeches are available on my [YouTube channel](#).

On May 26th at the Committee of the Whole, I [questioned the Finance Minister](#) about the lack of support for new businesses which have been established since the beginning of the pandemic.



BLOOD BAN

In 2015, Justin Trudeau promised to end the discriminatory blood ban, but he has failed to follow through on that promise.

[Watch](#) **Conservative MP Eric Duncan** kick off **Pride Month** by taking the government to task over this broken promise. You may also wish to add your voice to EndTheBloodBan.ca. I agree that ending the discriminatory blood ban in Canada is long overdue.

On June 1st, Conservative MPs **Michelle Rempel Garner**, **Eric Duncan**, and **Bernard Génereux**, called on Health Minister Patty Hajdu to end the blood ban immediately. The letter to the minister and the draft order can be viewed [here](#), and a video of the press conference is [here](#).



BILL C-10 (An Amendment to the Broadcasting Act)

At the Heritage Committee, the Liberal, NDP and Bloc MPs amended Bill C-10 to remove the exemption that would have protected user-generated content from regulation. If C-10 passes, then content that Canadians post on the internet will be subject to regulation by the CRTC.

My Conservative colleagues and I oppose Bill C-10.

For my statement on this issue in the House of Commons: [Watch here](#).

I will continue to do whatever I can to ensure that no government have the power to regulate what you post online for its consistency with the government's vision.



GOVERNOR GENERAL BENEFITS

On June 2nd, **Marilyn Gladu**, Conservative Shadow Minister for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, and Critic for the President of the Queen's Privy Council, introduced her private Member's bill, **An Act to amend the Governor General's Act** (retiring annuity and other benefits).

Despite having resigned in disgrace, under the current legislation, former Governor General Julie Payette will keep her generous pension and benefits - amounting to more than \$300k annually - for life. If passed, any Governor General who leaves the office before the end of their term for reasons other than medical will not receive these benefits, saving Canadian taxpayers millions of dollars in the process.

"I've received a landslide of correspondence from my outraged constituents, and Canadians across the country, who were upset that Madame Payette would be provided with the full suite of benefits in her retirement, especially after disgracing her office," said Gladu. "In order to ensure Canada would never see a repeat of the circumstances surrounding Payette, I worked on this Bill with my Senate colleague, Senator Claude Carignan, to put forward this important legislation."

Madame Payette held the office of the Governor General for less than three and a half years, as she was sworn in on October 2, 2017, and resigned on January 22, 2021.

"Canadians work hard their entire lives, follow the rules, and won't see a fraction of what Madame Payette will make in a year," said Gladu. "This situation is deeply unfair, and my private Member's bill aims to change that."



SECRET DOCUMENTS

The Hon. Erin O'Toole, Leader of Canada's Conservatives and the Official Opposition, issued the following statement on the Trudeau Liberals' decision to vote against the Conservative Opposition Day motion calling on the Prime Minister to release the secret documents he

has been hiding in an effort to cover up a possible national security breach:

“Justin Trudeau’s decision to cover up a possible national security breach should concern Canadians from coast-to-coast. After today’s vote in Parliament, the Prime Minister must immediately release the secret documents he has been hiding.

“For years, Canada’s security services have been warning the government and universities about the risks of research cooperation with communist China.

“It begs the question of how two scientists with deep connections to the Chinese military were able to obtain a high-level Canadian security clearance to conduct work with dangerous viruses like Ebola.

“Until the documents are released, Canada’s Conservatives will continue to demand answers and hold Justin Trudeau to account when it comes to protecting our national security.

“This is Justin Trudeau’s legacy. More corruption. More scandals. More of the same. There’s only one choice to secure Canada’s future, and that is Canada’s Conservatives.”



SEEKING EMPLOYMENT?

If you are **looking for a job**, visit www.jobbank.gc.ca to search for opportunities. Jobs in this riding recently funded by Canada Summer Jobs grants are posted on this site. A [Mobile App](#) is also available.



MY INBOX

In May, correspondence was received about many topics, including the following, in no particular order:

Bill C-10 (internet, freedom of speech), increasing level of debt, carbon tax, federal budget, virtual parliament, economic recovery, Liberal corruption, vaccine procurement and roll-out, Israel/Palestine, residential schools, domestic vaccine development, mental health, NACI recommendations, vaccine passports, small businesses, CEWS, CERS, Canadian energy policy, Line 5, CRA wait times, travel restrictions, tourism industry, cell tower proposal, border restrictions, hotel quarantine rules/exemptions, environment, provincial lockdown measures, Charter of Rights and Freedoms, aviation industry, international travel, Erin O’Toole, Conservative caucus, possible 2021 election, Canada-China relations, climate change, universal basic income, universal pharmacare, Bill C-6 (conversion therapy), vaping products, firearms policy, forests.



CONSERVATIVE RECOVERY PLAN:

Canadians deserve certainty, clarity, and competence from their government. You and your family deserve a real plan for the challenges we face today.

- Secure Jobs by recovering the 1 million jobs lost during the pandemic within one year.
- Secure Accountability by enacting the toughest accountability and transparency laws in Canada's history.
- Secure Mental Health through our Canada Mental Health Action Plan.
- Secure Our Country by creating a strategic stockpile of essential products and building the capacity to manufacture vaccines at home.
- Secure Canada's Economy by balancing the budget over the next decade. Canadians need a plan to safely reopen the economy so we can get back to work.

Securing our economy will mean jobs and growth in every sector in every part of the country. That is exactly what my Conservative colleagues and I are focused on.



PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL CONTACTS

If you require assistance from **your MLA**, you can look up who represents you and their contact information [here](#). For questions about provincial government programs and services, click [here](#).

For assistance from **your City Councillor**, you can find your representative [here](#). For general inquiries about City of Calgary services and requests for assistance, please call 311.



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT – ARBOUR LAKE

The **Arbour Lake Community Association (ALCA)** would love to hear from residents who enjoy gardening to help develop a [Community Garden](#). If interested in volunteering, please email garden@arbourslakecommunity.ca.



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