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Dear Friend,

The Prime Minister has been signaling for months that he will call an election this Summer. As the Conservative Opposition, it is our responsibility to be ready as a “government in waiting” and we are ready if an election is called.

Earlier this week I travelled to Ottawa as **Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee** for an extraordinary Summer meeting. Officials from the department of Finance announced on June 30 that they were not going to implement Bill C-208 which became law on June 29. The Private Member’s Bill had been introduced by **Conservative MP Larry Maguire (Brandon Souris)** and passed Parliament with the support of all opposition parties plus nineteen Liberal backbenchers. The bill eliminated tax rules that make it more expensive to keep a business in the family versus selling the business to strangers when the owners retire. This meeting was called to demand an explanation from the government for why it was refusing to implement a law passed by Parliament.

Mere hours before the committee met, **Minister Freeland** made a new announcement rescinding the June 30th one and affirming that Bill C-208 was in fact law, but that the government still planned to introduce changes.

The committee heard from the **Law Clerk** of the House of Commons, **former Liberal Government House Leader Don Boudria**, and **former Speaker of the House Peter Milliken**, who all stated that the government must always implement laws passed by Parliament and that Parliament has supremacy over the government as Canada’s legislative body. The committee then held a two-hour meeting with officials from the Department of Finance. My colleagues and I repeatedly asked who was responsible for the decision and announcement that they would not implement a bill passed by Parliament. The meeting concluded with a motion to invite the Minister to appear and explain why her department tried to defy Parliament, and continues to oppose **Bill C-208**, which provides tax fairness to inter-generational business and farm transfers.

This episode over a non-partisan Private Member’s Bill, that had support from all parties in Parliament, is only the latest in a deepening pattern of the government defying the democratic will of Parliament. The government has refused to produce documents ordered by parliamentary committees on several occasions, they have been found in contempt of Parliament, and the head of the Public Health Agency of Canada has been formally reprimanded by the Speaker of the House for refusing to comply with an order of Parliament which carries the force of law. This was the first time a public official has been “called to the bar” since 1891. The government has also taken the unprecedented step of suing the House of Commons and its speaker in defiance of Parliament.

-Pat Kelly

MONTHLY POLL QUESTION



Should the Prime Minister call an election this summer?

RESPOND HERE

Last month's poll question: *Should the CRTC have the power to regulate what Canadians post on the internet?*

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](#).



CONSERVATIVE LEADER ERIN O'TOOLE on Fairness for Alberta

Hon. Erin O'Toole came to Calgary in July for his first interprovincial trip since last fall. While in Calgary, he talked about how much Alberta has contributed to the rest of Canada, and how unfair the equalization system and punitive policies of the government have been to Alberta. Click [here](#) to view the full announcement.



NEW CONSERVATIVE CONNECT E-NEWSLETTER

Includes some of the work and initiatives by **Conservative MPs** to advocate for Alberta, and to ensure that Alberta is a key part of Canada's economic recovery.

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SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE - 988

Todd Doherty's (Cariboo—Prince George) Private Member's Motion to consolidate various suicide prevention hotlines into one national line received unanimous support in the House of Commons in December.

Like 911 as the national emergency phone number, 988 will be easy to remember, applicable across Canada, and more accessible than various local suicide prevention hotlines.

The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the need for a national hotline; it prompted a sharp rise in suicide rates as Canadians lost their jobs,

suffered from isolation, and gave up hope.

As a Private Member's Motion, MP Doherty's motion does not create the line, but it expresses the will of Parliament for the Government to do so. The Minister of Health has set the process in motion but must work with the CRTC to complete it in a timely fashion.

My Conservative colleagues and I will continue to hold the Government accountable to ensure this hotline is implemented.



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

Increasing level of debt, carbon tax, federal budget, economic recovery, Liberal corruption, vaccines, Israel/Palestine, residential schools, mental health, NACI recommendations, vaccine passports, small businesses, CEWS, CERS, CEBA, Canadian energy policy, Line 5, CRA wait times, travel restrictions, tourism industry, cell tower proposal, CRTC and telecom expenses, border restrictions, hotel quarantine rules/exemptions, environment, coal mining/Eastern Slopes, provincial lockdown measures, Erin O'Toole, possible 2021 election, Canada-China relations, climate change, universal basic income, universal pharmacare, taxation rates, Bill C-6 (conversion therapy), Bill C-233 (sex-selective abortion), Bill C-10 (internet, freedom of speech), 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.
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- 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 – SYMONS VALLEY PARK

A new recreational destination is planned for Nolan Hill, Sherwood, Kincora, and Sage Hill residents. This park will feature an all-season hockey rink, tennis courts, a playground, a picnic area with BBQ stands, a bicycle skills track, and more.

To review the plans and to volunteer or donate to support, click [here](#).



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