



Dear Friend,

In response to recent protests and blockades, the government recently invoked the Emergencies Act. This Act replaced the War Measures Act in 1988 and has never been used by any government since it became law.

The emergency powers given to the government under this act come into force immediately, without a vote in Parliament. Once invoked the government must table a motion to be debated in the House of Commons within seven days followed by a vote. The House of Commons is debating this motion this weekend, with a vote expected on Monday.

Through this act, the government has granted itself significant powers, including ordering financial institutions to seize bank accounts without court orders.

I spoke on the motion in the House of Commons on Saturday and my full remarks can be seen [here](#). Also, my recent statements related to the situation are posted on my website: <http://patkellymp.ca/>

Illegal blockades must end, and I oppose unlawful conduct by any protester in support of any cause; but I do not agree with invocation of the Emergencies Act for three important reasons:

1. The current situation does not meet the Act's definition of a National Emergency, which was understood to mean war, widespread deadly violence, insurrection, or threats to Canada's national sovereignty, while conventional policing and current laws had already successfully ended border blockades peacefully, without injuries or property damage prior to invocation.
2. Invocation of this Act sets a dangerously low bar as a precedent for future governments facing opposition and protests.
3. This government has demonstrated that it is unfit to receive additional executive powers by virtue of its established history of conflicts of interest, defiance of Parliament, and prosecutorial interference. This government needs more legal and parliamentary restraint, not less.

The motion is expected to pass on Monday with support from the NDP. If this happens, the emergency measures will last up to 30 days. Further votes to rescind the emergency can be triggered if requested by a letter signed by twenty MPs or ten Senators. Such additional votes must happen within 72 hours.

The events of the past three weeks have generated the highest volume of email and phone calls I have received since I was first elected in 2015. I greatly appreciate the feedback and encourage you to contact my office; however, I am presently unable to respond individually to everyone.

-Pat Kelly



MONTHLY POLL QUESTION

Do you support the Prime Minister's decision to invoke the Emergencies Act?

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COFFEE, COCOA, AND CHAI

Postponed! My staff and I planned to meet constituents at the new Evanston community park on Family Day. As poor weather is forecast, and I am in Ottawa for the debate and vote on the Emergencies Act, we will re-schedule for another time this spring. Please watch for an update in the March e-newsletter.



OUR COMMONS

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