



Dear Friend,

As always, it is tremendous honour and pleasure to represent the people of Calgary Rocky Ridge in the House of Commons. Parliament is in the midst of its busiest time and there are many issues from inflation, the deficit, and housing affordability to the invasion of Ukraine, the Emergencies Act invocation review, significant proposed changes to the criminal code, and regulation of the internet.

In addition to participating in debates on the government's response to these issues, I introduced Bill C-266 on March 29, An Act to Amend the Excise Act, which would repeal the automatic annual tax increase on beer, wine and spirits that this government passed in 2017. This punitive tax harms Canada's world leading brewers', vintners' and distillers' ability to compete internationally; and it punishes Canada's consumers. Runaway inflation already makes succeeding in business and enjoying simple pleasures increasingly unaffordable. It's time to stop this automatic annual tax increase.

As chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy, and Ethics (ETHI), I tabled our Report on Conflict of Interest and Lobbying in Relation to Pandemic Spending on March 31. Members of ETHI passed a motion to readopt the report as tabled by previous members before the election, so that it becomes part of the record and can be debated and voted upon by the House of Commons. The report called three key witnesses who defied parliament by refusing to testify about potential conflicts of interest.

On May 2 I also tabled a study on Collection and Use of Mobility Data by the Government of Canada, concerning the Public Health Agency of Canada's collection of mobility data from millions of Canadian cellular customers. The report contains a number of important recommendations to the government to ensure that Canadians have confidence that their privacy is protected, and I hope that the government will implement these recommendations prior to any further data collection.

ETHI is currently studying the Use and Impact of Facial Recognition Technology by government and law enforcement, and the evidence heard so far raises many questions about the implication of such technologies.

In addition to my responsibilities in Ottawa, my Calgary office is very busy, particularly dealing with significant backlogs in the government's ability to process passport related services. If you are experiencing difficulty obtaining service from the government and your application has passed the current processing time, please feel welcome to contact my office for assistance.

-Pat Kelly

MONTHLY POLL QUESTION



Are you concerned about Canada's growing public debt?

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OPEN HOUSE

On April 23 my staff and I were pleased to chat with constituents at my office. Some of the topics discussed included:

1. Delayed applications for passports, immigration, & citizenship
2. Support for caregivers
3. The Conservative leadership race
4. The Emergencies Act & federal vaccine mandates
5. Budget 2022

If you were unable to attend and would like to share your comments with me, please watch for my postcard in your mailbox asking for feedback.



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