



Dear Friend,

Parliament resumed on September 20th and it's been great to be back representing you in Ottawa.

I am pleased that the Hon. Pierre Poilievre was chosen as the new leader of the opposition. Under his leadership, our caucus has immediately resumed our work in holding the current government to account, particularly for the role that its inflationary spending and deficits have had on the cost of living crisis. We have also called on the government to cancel planned increases in taxes like the Carbon Tax, which is scheduled to triple next spring, and increases to payroll deductions. Canadian families cannot afford to pay higher costs, and higher taxes with smaller paycheques.

I worked with Pierre Poilievre on the Finance Committee and as part of the opposition Shadow Cabinet. He is intelligent, knowledgeable and an exceptionally gifted communicator who understands concerns of families and seniors struggling with the cost of living. In addition to being a champion of the free market, he is a compassionate advocate for disabled Canadians and low income families struggling to get by.

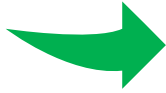
As chair of the Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics committee, I was busy during the summer when emergency meetings were held after the RCMP disclosed that it uses sophisticated investigative tools ("spyware") to access Canadians' cellular phones. The use of this technology is done with judicial authorization, but experts have described the use of such technology as a "nuclear option" that threatens the privacy of Canadians. The RCMP also defied the committee's request for information about the technology that they use, although they denied that they use the controversial "Pegasus" system, or similar mercenary malware applications.

The committee is currently completing its studies of the use of facial recognition artificial intelligence by law enforcement and the summer study of special investigative tools by the RCMP, and will likely begin a study on Access to Information soon.

The Parliamentary schedule keeps me in Ottawa most of the time during the fall, but I always return to Calgary on the weekends. I was pleased to recently attend the Tuscany Harvest Festival, help plant trees for the new Ranchlands edible orchard, and hand out water bottles for participants in the annual Walk for Veterans. If you are organizing a community event, please let our office know about it and I will do my best to attend.

-Pat Kelly

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COMMUNITY NEWS: ARBOUR LAKE

The Arbour Lake Community Association is holding their AGM at 7pm on Tuesday, October 18. They are seeking 12 new board members to take on [various volunteer roles](#). For more information or to register for the AGM, please visit the 'Contact Us' link on their [website](#).



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