

WORKING FOR YOU IN PARLIAMENT

As a Conservative MP, I am not part of the government. However, since the Government is a minority, I have been able to work collaboratively with colleagues to put pressure on the government, and achieve important results for Canadians.

Below are just some of the issues that my Conservative colleagues and I have been championing in Parliament over the past few months.

CONSERVATIVE EFFORTS

Introduced multiple motions to end all federal vaccine mandates and COVID-19 restrictions.

Held the Liberals to account for the long lines and delays at airports by introducing a motion calling for COVID-19 travel regulations to be removed.

Fought back against the Liberal attempt to regulate the internet through their censorship Bill C-11. We slowed down the legislation and fought against it in Parliament and in committees.

Continuously pushed for relief on sky-high gas prices by introducing motions that would remove the GST and the carbon tax from fuel prices.

Pressured the Liberals to take immediate action to address the passport delays at Service Canada.

Held the Liberals to account on skyrocketing housing prices and put forward a motion to increase housing supply, ban foreign investment in the housing market, contribute federal properties for residential development, and commit to never introducing a capital gains tax on the sale of a primary residence.

Passed a motion in Parliament calling on visa-free travel for Ukrainian refugees in response to Putin's heinous invasion.

Passed a motion restarting the Canada-China Committee to study and strengthen Canada's national security.

Passed a motion in Parliament calling on the Liberals to finally meet NATO defence spending commitments.

Secured 8 weeks of bereavement leave for parents who have suffered a stillbirth or death of a child under the age of 18.

OTTAWA IN PICTURES



Milk Day on Parliament Hill



Spoke at the annual Falun Dafa event raising awareness about Communist China's human rights abuses.



Former NBAer Enes Kanter refused to join NBA in turning a blind eye to China's abuses of Uyghur Muslims & Covid lockdowns.



I was honoured to be re-elected as a co-chair for the All Party Group to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking



Met with Joy Ruth Acheng, the Ugandan High Commissioner to Canada and discussed oil & gas exploration and family rights.



Honoured to meet Princess Margriet from the Netherlands who was born in Ottawa during WWII.

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Parliamentary Update

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

In this mid-year update, I want to share with you what has been happening in Parliament since the 2021 election.

This year, Justin Trudeau's inflation crisis will cost every Canadian an additional \$2000.

Food costs alone are up 9.7% in the last year, the largest increase since 1981. With inflation driving the cost of groceries up, families are being forced to choose between putting food on the table, making rent, or paying the bills.

Their carbon tax has made it harder for farmers and truckers to connect Canadians with the essentials they need.

Conservatives have proposed meaningful

solutions that would immediately lower gas prices to help Canadians make ends meet.

We have called for the government to cancel the carbon tax increase and to suspend the GST on gas until prices stabilize.

Unfortunately, the NDP-Liberal coalition voted against these proposals.

As your voice in Ottawa, I will continue to represent your interests and uphold our Canadian values.

Sincerely,

Arnold Viersen

Member of Parliament

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I HAVE ENDORSED THESE UPCOMING PRIVATE MEMBERS BILLS AND MOTIONS

- ♦ **C-257**—Protecting against discrimination of political belief
- ♦ **C-241**—Deduction of travel expenses for tradespersons
- ♦ **C-234**—Removes carbon tax from farm fuels
- ♦ **C-230**—Protecting freedom of conscience for health care workers
- ♦ **S-223**—Fighting trafficking in human organs
- ♦ **S-211**—Fighting against forced labour in supply chains
- ♦ **C-202**—Creates offence of controlling or coercive conduct
- ♦ **C-211**—Extending bereavement leave for parents of children & unborn babies

Our Conservative team is
STANDING UP
for **YOU**
IN OTTAWA



BY THE NUMBERS

158

Times I Rose To Speak in The House of Commons

140

Number of Votes Cast in House of Commons

3569

Kilometres between Constituency office and Ottawa office

4

Full Day Debates Forced by Conservatives to End Mandates

79

Times the NDP Voted to Support NDP/Liberal Coalition

60

Petitions Presented in the House of Commons

STOPPING INTERNET SEXUAL EXPLOITATION ACT

In April, I reintroduced the *Stopping Internet Sexual Exploitation (SISE) Act (Bill C-270)*.

The SISE Act requires those making or distributing pornographic material for a commercial purpose to verify the age and consent of each person depicted. It also prohibits the distribution of pornographic material when consent has been withdrawn. Those who fail to verify age and consent could face serious financial penalties or jail time.

For years, pornographic companies in Canada, like MindGeek, have published sexually explicit material without any requirement to verify the age or consent of those depicted in them. As a result, horrific videos of sex trafficking, child exploitation, and sexual assault have proliferated on Canadian pornography websites. Many of these videos have been monetized, bringing in massive profits.

This needs to end.

Westlock's Hope Resource Centre Association Executive Director Sylvia Yoder said:

“Hope Resource Centre is pleased to endorse the (SISE) Act. Our hope is the (SISE) Act will increase a legal understanding vital to reducing internet sexual exploitation we see rampant in rural and remote areas, by reducing opportunity for recidivism, increasing supports for victims coping with the psychological suffering related to their experiences and by removing re-victimization within the courtroom.”

As your Member of Parliament, I regularly engage in debate in the House of Commons on Government and private members legislation, give statements and ask the Government questions.

SPEECHES

Here is an overview of some of the speeches I have given over the past six months.

- ♦ **Bill C-5**—spoke against the elimination of minimum sentences for serious gun and drug crimes and allowing house arrest for human trafficking, sexual assault and kidnapping.
- ♦ **Bill C-8**—spoke against the Fall Economic statement which fails to address the largest economic issue that Canadians are facing – Justin Trudeau’s cost-of-living crisis.
- ♦ **Bill C-11**—spoke against incredibly flawed attempt by the Liberals to amend the Broadcasting Act and censor the social media platforms of Canadians.
- ♦ **Bill C-2**—spoke against massive spending on Covid measures due to Liberals refusal to allow an independent investigation of fraud in COVID spending and to protect taxpayers’ money from abuse.
- ♦ **Bill S-211**—spoke in favour of the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act which I have been supporting with my co-chairs on the All-Party Parliamentary Group to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.
- ♦ **Emergencies Act**—spoke against the Liberal’s invocation of the Emergencies Act power grab and the erosion of the rights of Canadians.

STATEMENTS

Members of Parliament have regular opportunities to make 1 minute statements in the House of Commons. Here are the topics of my statements from Jan—June of 2022

- ♦ **Calling for Liberals to Allow Unvaccinated Canadians to Fly**
- ♦ **Condemning Hateful & Racist Symbols Including Blackface**
- ♦ **Recognizing February 22 As National Human Trafficking Awareness Day**
- ♦ **Congratulating Work of former MP Joy Smith to Combat Human Trafficking**
- ♦ **Recognizing Canadians in Ottawa for 2022 National March For Life**

Emergencies Act Debate—February 17, 2022

“**Madam Chair, fundamentally, this entire situation started when the government put a mandate on truckers to be vaccinated in order to cross the border.**

The mandates are fundamental to the entire situation we are dealing with today.

I will make no apologies for bringing that up.”



QUESTION PERIOD

During Question Period, I asked the government the following questions:

- ♦ **March 24, 2022**—Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Nova Scotia have all ended their vaccine passport systems. But this government is spending \$30 million for domestic travel vaccine passports. **Will the Minister of Health return this \$30 million to the taxpayers?**
- ♦ **April 1, 2022**—Human trafficking is a vicious crime and traffickers prey on the most vulnerable. In Canada, a lot of them are indigenous women and girls. **How does giving sex traffickers house arrest protect trafficking victims?**
- ♦ **April 26, 2022**—Iceland, Sweden, Ireland, France, the U.K., these are just a few of the countries that have dropped all of their mandates. Without any evidence, the government continues to bar Canadians from getting on airplanes. **On what day will the minister allow people to fly and end the mandates?**
- ♦ **May 3, 2022**—Argentina, Costa Rica, Denmark, Hungary, Jamaica, Thailand, Mexico, Norway and Poland are a few of the many countries that have ended all their vaccine mandates. **On what day will seven million Canadians get to fly again?**
- ♦ **May 31, 2022**—Millions of women and youth are fleeing Ukraine and we know that human traffickers are targeting them. **What specific steps is the government taking to ensure that Ukrainian women and youth seeking refuge in Canada are not being trafficked and exploited?**