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Working for You



**ALBERTA'S CONSERVATIVE
TEAM IN OTTAWA**

ALWAYS ON ALBERTA'S SIDE



Alberta has a strong team of Conservative Members of Parliament in Ottawa and we are making sure Alberta's priorities are loudly heard in the House of Commons.

Being in Opposition means we have to work with other parties to advance important issues — and we have! We have managed to make a difference in a wide variety of areas for all Albertans, no matter who you voted for in the last election.

I am pleased to share a small sample of the amazing work and initiatives that your Alberta Conservative MPs have done on your behalf. We will continue to advocate for Alberta at every turn and ensure that Alberta is a key part of Canada's economic recovery.

We will continue to defend our hard-working Albertans and demand that our province get its fair share from the federal government.

By working together on your behalf, our Conservative team has been able to magnify our voices and our impact in Parliament. I am thankful that I have the opportunity to work with such a dedicated and hard-working team.

As always, I appreciate your ongoing support and encouragement and consider it an honour to be your elected federal representative in the House of Commons.

Sincerely,

Arnold Viersen, MP
Peace River—Westlock

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ENDING EXPLOITATION

Arnold Viersen, MP
Peace River—Westlock



Today, human trafficking is happening 10 minutes from where you live and online exploitation can happen anywhere. That is why I have actively fought against these since elected in 2015.

In 2016, I got Motion M-47 passed unanimously and it instructed the Health Committee to study impact of violent pornography on adults and youth. I also introduced the *Stopping Internet Sexual Exploitation Act* and the *National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking Act*.

In 2018, I launched the All-Party Parliamentary Group to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking and serve as one of the four co-chairs. We brief Parliamentarians and actively advances policies like the *Modern Slavery Act*. In 2021, we established February 22nd as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Learn about the fight against exploitation at: mparnold.ca.

SUPPORTING AGRICULTURE

John Barlow, MP
Foothills



I am proud to be sponsoring and seconding three Bills to protect Canadian agriculture and farm families.

I have once again tabled my Private Member's Bill to amend the *Health of Animals Act*. This Bill is an important step in protecting biosecurity on farms, and fight for the mental health of our hardworking farm families.

I have also Seconded MP Ben Lobb's Bill C-234 which has just passed through the House. This will exempt farm fuel from the carbon tax. For too

long, farmers have paid tens of thousands of dollars in carbon tax to produce food for Canadian families – we need to right that wrong.

In addition, I have Seconded MP Scot Davidson's Bill C-280, an Act to amend the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, providing financial protection for fruit and vegetable growers.

FIGHTING CENSORSHIP

Rachael Thomas, MP

Lethbridge

For two years we've been fighting hard to kill the Liberal's censorship Bill, C-11, but sadly the Prime Minister's Senators rammed it through on April 27th.

This Bill is bad for everyone! Now government has the authority to control what Canadians can see, hear, and post online. Instead of giving you more of what you want, platforms like YouTube will be instructed to give you more of what the government wants you to watch.

Home-grown talent and creative Canadian content will no longer succeed based on merit. The government will pick winners and losers. Author Margaret Atwood didn't mince her words when she called it "creeping totalitarianism."

But the fight isn't over! This censorship law will be repealed by a Conservative government, and freedom of expression will be restored.



STANDING UP FOR SENIORS

Len Webber, MP

Calgary Confederation

Through a petition to Parliament, I raised national awareness about a serious threat facing many Seniors.

Canadians are concerned that people with a history of sexually inappropriate behaviours are permitted to live in close quarters with vulnerable Seniors in care homes.

The petition cited the tragic case of a Calgary Alzheimer's patient, Ruth, whose sex assault could've been prevented if care homes took these threats more seriously.

The inability to separate known sexual abusers from very vulnerable populations is allowing them to commit their crimes with little recourse. This violates the vulnerable and causes untold stress and anxiety for their families.

It's time the Liberal government table legislation to prevent known sex offenders from cohabitating in facilities with known vulnerable Seniors.



FIGHTING FOR CANADA'S HEROES

Blake Richards, MP

Banff—Airdrie



The service that our Veterans receive from the Liberal Government is shameful, with many waiting over a year to have basic disability claims approved. As the Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs, I have been demanding that the government take action to fix the longstanding delays and red-tape faced by Veterans, and Conservatives have been proposing innovative solutions to that end.

Conservatives are already working together and consulting with Veterans to develop solutions that

will streamline access to services, help Veterans transition into civilian life, and ensure that Veterans' families receive the support they need.

When Canadians fire the Trudeau government in the next election, and Conservatives form government, we will be ready to immediately begin making the changes necessary to deliver results for our Veterans and their families.

RARE DISORDER RESEARCH SUPPORT

Earl Dreesen, MP

Red Deer—Mountain View



Giant Axonal neuropathy which is a rare childhood genetic terminal disorder that affects the nervous system. There are 73 cases of GAN in the world. Two of those cases are in Alberta, one of these is our grandson, Julian.

There are international pilot projects that could offer unique research therapies for this and other genetic conditions, but we lack ability to seamlessly coordinate such projects.

One of the symptoms that led to the

diagnosis of GAN was Julian's tight curled hair. This marker, is so obvious in this disorder, sparked an initiative called Hannah's Hope

which calls for May 2nd to be "Curly Hair Day"

To support these children and their families fight for a cure I encourage you to think about them every "Second" of May!

DISABILITY INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Mike Lake, MP

Edmonton—Wetaskiwin

Parliament is debating and will soon vote on my motion M-78 which calls on the House to recognize:

That, where the federal government spends money on education, domestically or internationally, clear consideration must be given to the maximum inclusion of people with disabilities, including people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In low- and middle-income countries, approximately 50% of

children with disabilities are estimated to be out of school.

A recent UNICEF report found that, globally, children with disabilities were 49% more likely to have never attended school.

This motion is supported by *Inclusion Canada, Special Olympics, Pediatric Chairs of Canada, Indigenous Disability Canada, Easter Seals* and countless others across the country.



COMBATTING RURAL CRIME

Blaine Calkins, MP

Red Deer—Lacombe

As a proud representative of rural Alberta, one of my top priorities is fighting rural crime.

That's why I will reintroduce my private member's bill to toughen sentencing for criminals who target vulnerable people and properties. These criminals, usually associated with organized crime, terrorize people who live a long way away from where police and emergency services are stationed. With this legislation, we'll hold offenders responsible for their crimes and

ensure their punishment reflects the severity of their cowardly actions.

Everyone should feel safe in their community, no matter where they live. We need to undo Trudeau's damage to our laws, including fixing bail and ending the revolving door that lets repeat offenders back onto the street, sometimes the same day! Its time for the common sense of the common people once again!



REPEALING THE ESCALATOR

Pat Kelly, MP

Calgary Rocky Ridge



Under this government, basic pleasures like sharing a bottle wine with a loved one or enjoying a beer with friends have become increasingly unaffordable.

Last year I tabled Bill C-266 to repeal the automatic annual tax increase on beer wine and spirits. While my bill has not yet passed, and the automatic escalator remains in place, sustained pressure on the Liberals forced them to reduce what would have been an automatic 6.3% tax increase, to only 2%.

The automatic tax escalator still needs to be repealed so that future governments have to ask Parliament before increasing the tax on beer wine and spirits, and Conservatives will continue to stand up for producers, consumers, and Parliamentary accountability, until Bill C-266 is fully implemented.

Cheers!

FIGHTING RISING FOOD COSTS

Martin Shields, MP

Bow River



My Bow River riding is home to many irrigation districts that are primarily responsible for delivering water to agricultural land. Over 60 crop varieties are grown in the Bow River riding, and that is only possible because of irrigation.

In Alberta, 4% of the arable irrigated land equates to nearly 30% of agri-food GDP for a total of \$5.4 billion to provincial GDP. Water conveyance infrastructure supports hydropower generation, municipalities, industry, businesses, drought and flood mitiga-

tion, and recreation opportunities. I will continue to advocate for the expansion of irrigation and the exemption of carbon tax on power to run irrigation, as that cost has run into the millions.

When food inflation has averaged 10%, the last thing Canadians need is higher food costs because the government is punishing producers with a tax on growing food.

ALBERTA'S ELECTORAL MAP

Stephanie Kusie, MP

Calgary MIndapore

Over the past 18 months I have chaired the Alberta Conservative Caucus's boundary redistribution work.

This is an independent electoral process will see Alberta's total seat count increase from 34 to 37, to reflect Alberta's growing population.

By collaborating with my caucus colleagues, I ensured that the independent Electoral Boundaries Commission heard community-based submissions to help improve the

proposals at various stages.

The new electoral map could be in effect as early as April 2024.

To learn more about the proposed boundary changes and how they might affect which riding you are in, please visit www.redecoupage-redistribution-2022.ca.



STANDING UP FOR RURAL ALBERTA

Damien Kurek, MP

Battle River—Crowfoot

Rural Alberta has a rich history of industry and entrepreneurship.

I am proud to stand up for the people who take pride in their hard work and dedication to their industries and communities.

I have been addressing the issues that are affecting folks and working to find solutions that benefit all Albertans. This includes advocating for the growth of the oil and gas, agriculture, and technology industries.

Whether it is in Committee, the

House of Commons, or in everyday life, I have been making it a priority to talk about the issues that affect rural Albertans and advocating for rural priorities to ensure we are not forgotten. Policies that will make life better, including the advocacy of axing the carbon tax—a levy that makes life unaffordable for Albertans at every step of the process.



SUPPORTING JUROR MENTAL HEALTH

Michael Cooper, MP

St. Albert—Edmonton



I'm very pleased that Bill S-206, the Juror Mental Health Bill, of which I was the House of Commons sponsor, has now become law.

Jury duty can come at significant personal sacrifice. Jurors are often exposed to horrific evidence that can cause long-lasting mental health issues, including PTSD.

Since 2018, I worked across party lines to amend the Criminal Code so that former jurors experiencing mental health issues can disclose all as-

pects of their jury service with a mental health professional bound by confidentiality.

Prior to S-206, it was a Criminal Code offence for a former juror to disclose any aspect of the deliberation process, even to a mental health professional.

This small but important legislative change will go a long way to support the mental health of former jurors.

A TAX ON EVERYTHING

Chris Warkentin, MP

Grande Prairie—Mackenzie



Alberta families and seniors can't afford Trudeau's Carbon Tax!

The Liberals have promised carbon tax hikes reaching 41 cents per litre on gasoline. This is a tax on everything.

Trudeau claimed the carbon tax would eliminate greenhouse gas emissions, but it hasn't, and Canadians are in a cost-of-living crisis. Every day in Question Period our Conservative team demands the Liberals axe the carbon tax.

Conservatives have taken action, we have enthusiastically supported our colleague Ben Lobb's Private Member's Bill C-234, to exempt farmers from paying the carbon tax on diesel, gasoline and natural gas used on farms.

This is just the beginning, we'll keep fighting to end the punitive carbon tax for every Canadian.

WELCOMING THOSE FLEEING WAR

Tom Kmiec, MP

Calgary Shepard



Since the start of the Russian Federation's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, Canada has welcomed over 150,000 Ukrainians fleeing the war through the CUAET visa program.

Spring in Ukraine has brought renewed intensive fighting as ground operations resume on both sides, increasing the displacement of civilians near the combat zones.

In March, Conservatives called on the Liberal government to extend the CUAET visa program for Ukrainians

fleeing the war. Just days before CUAET expired, the Liberal government extended the program to July 15, 2023 for new applications.

It was only after Conservatives demanded an extension that we got it. Ukrainians displaced by war count on these temporary 3-year visas. Polls show that 72% wish to return to Ukraine once the war ends.

STANDING UP FOR SAFER STREETS

Tim Uppal, MP

Edmonton Mill Woods



The Liberal government's soft-on-crime policies have unleashed a wave of violent crime on our streets.

While the perpetrators committing these crimes make up a small portion of the population, allowing them to return to our streets within a short time of their criminal activity puts everyone at risk.

I continue to raise my concerns on this issue in the House of Commons and across the country. I hear from the victims and the reluctant

enforcers of this dysfunctional system, asking to fix the endless cycle of violent crime in our communities.

Our Conservative team will bring back mandatory jail time for serious violent crimes and crack down on Justin Trudeau's easy access to bail. We will bring in bail rules that will keep repeat violent offenders behind bars and make our streets safe again.

PROTECTING ACCESS TO MARKETS

Michelle Rempel-Garner, MP

Calgary Nose Hill



I am proud to stand up and be a loud voice for Alberta in Parliament. Albertans know that the Prime Minister's anti-energy agenda has cost Alberta jobs and valuable investments in our province.

Thousands of Canadians signed their names in support and the petition was tabled in Parliament.

That is why, when Alberta's highest court ruled Bill C-69 as unconstitutional, I sponsored a petition calling on the Prime Minister to respect the ruling of the Alberta Court of Appeal by not seeking further appeals, finally recognize that Bill C-69 is unconstitutional, and to repeal the legislation.

I won't stop standing up for our workers and am proud to be a strong voice for Alberta. Albertans know that we can protect our environment and still support our energy workers and I will always fight on their behalf.

FATHER'S DAY ON THE HILL

Matt Jeneroux, MP

Edmonton Riverbend



Men's mental health is vital to families and communities alike, and yet it's not discussed nearly enough.

In Canada alone, 75% of people who die by suicide are men.

That's why, six years ago, I started *Father's Day on the Hill*. As we enter this year's event in June, we're bringing stakeholders and policymakers together to spark conversations, bring awareness and stamp out the stigma to show just how important the men in our lives are.

As we partner with organizations like the Mental Health Commission of Canada and HiDad Foundation, we continue to increase support and advocacy for ensuring men aren't suffering in silence.

For further resources and more information, consider visiting the Mental Health Commission of Canada's website at www.mentalhealthcommission.ca.

YES, PM, THERE IS A CASE FOR LNG

Greg McLean, MP

Calgary Centre



Last August, Prime Minister Trudeau remarkably stated “there has never been a strong business case” for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) exports from Canada to Europe. He was responding to requests from German Chancellor Olaf Scholz for help with Europe’s energy crisis.

Bernard Shaw famously said, “People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it.” Tourmaline Oil is doing it. Proving the Prime Minister wrong, Tourmaline began exporting Canadian natural

gas to the U.S. Gulf Coast in January, for onward export to Europe and Asia. Tourmaline will double gas exports in the next three years.

This is the first significant volume of Canadian gas to be exported beyond North America and overcomes the price discount the Canadian product has struggled with. Step aside, Mr. Trudeau. Canadian entrepreneurs are getting it done.

FIGHTING POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION

Garnett Genuis, MP

Sherwood Park—Fort Saskatchewan



There is growing concern in Canada about the problem of “political discrimination” - people facing ill-treatment because of their political views.

Nobody should be fired from their job, denied access to services, or otherwise discriminated against because of their political views.

In light of this problem, I have put forward Bill C-257 to combat political discrimination. This Bill would make a simple change to the *Canadian Hu-*

man Rights Act, adding “political belief or activity” as prohibited grounds of discrimination.

There is a parallel bill in the Senate, Bill S-257.

Robust democracy requires that people be free to express their opinions without fear of retaliation. I would welcome your support in working to bring this important idea into law.

ADDICTIONS RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE

Laila Goodridge, MP

Fort McMurray—Cold Lake



Canadians are experiencing addiction within their communities with more and more people slipping through the cracks and losing their lives to this illness. Even though addiction-related crime and death continues to skyrocket, Budget 2023 allocated little to no money for treatment and recovery. Addiction policy is broken and we must fix it.

Conservatives want to see a firm, fair and compassionate approach giving Canadians living with addiction the opportunity to pursue recovery.

The Liberal-NDP coalition believe the answer is to flood the streets with opioids under the guise of so-called “safe supply”.

Canada’s Conservatives are calling on the Liberal government to commit to a recovery-focused approach that will improve the lives of Canadians with addictions, their families, and their communities, because recovery is possible.

SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH

Ziad Aboultaif, MP

Edmonton Manning



The expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to those suffering from mental illness is coming in 2024 unless there is sufficient public outcry to stop it.

About half of Canadians will experience mental illness at some point in their lives. Should society’s response be to focus on killing people rather than providing treatment?

People with treatable illness may choose death due to a lack of medical and social support to help them.

Mental illness in Canada costs more than \$50 billion annually. We could reduce that by investing more in mental health and illness prevention programs, more support for early intervention aimed at children and families and more emphasis on treatment for depression and anxiety disorders. We need to support those suffering from mental illness, not tell them to kill themselves.

EMERGENCIES ACT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Glen Motz, MP

Medicine Hat—Cardston—Warner



After more than a year of study, the Special Joint Committee on the Declaration of Emergency is compiling the evidence that it has heard, developing recommendations, and preparing a final report. It is anticipated this should be completed and presented to Parliament before the end of June 2023.

Throughout the many hours of witness testimony and thousands of pages of documents, the committee did not receive any evidence that the government met the extremely high

threshold necessary in law for the invocation of the Emergencies Act.

The Government states they relied on a 'broader interpretation' of the threshold but has failed to make that legal opinion public. As we move forward, Conservative members will be providing recommendations intended to ensure that the Emergencies Act can never again be used in the same manner as it was for the Freedom Convoy.

HELPING OUR HELPERS

Kelly McCauley, MP

Edmonton West



My riding is fortunate to be home to many charities and not-for-profit organizations that work tirelessly to make our community a better place. They serve those in need, and offer help and care for many.

One great example of these organizations is the Veterans Association Food Bank of Edmonton. This organization was built and is run by veterans with a vision to offer a safe, welcoming environment for fellow veterans to call home. They provide support and assistance for veterans

and their spouses, as well as those who served with the RCMP, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard, as well as our Commonwealth Allies.

It is a pleasure to help the Veterans Association Food Bank and other organizations in my riding with their funding needs to ensure they can continue to provide critical services for people in need.

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