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**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
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FIGHTING EXPLOITATION ONLINE

Arnold Viersen, MP
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The world's largest pornography company is in Montreal and was caught publishing and profiting from content featuring children and victims of sex trafficking. Tragically, Canada hasn't taken steps to stop this.

When it comes to child exploitation, sex trafficking, AI deepfakes, or sexual assault, once a video or image has been uploaded to the internet it is virtually impossible to eliminate. It's common sense that no one should publish pornographic content of anyone without their consent.

That is why I introduced the *Stopping Internet Sexual Exploitation (SISE) Act*. It will prohibit pornography companies from publishing explicit content without verifying the age and consent of each individual portrayed.

The *SISE Act* will provide long overdue protection for kids and victims of exploitation.

HOLDING THE CBC TO ACCOUNT

Rachael Thomas, MP
Lethbridge



One would expect a public broadcaster, funded by taxpayers, to be reasonably non-partisan in its news coverage. Instead, the CBC functions as the propaganda arm of the Liberal government.

It's clear this approach isn't appealing to Canadians since viewership has declined by half since 2018 and trust in the media is at an all-time low.

Despite this, the Liberal Heritage Minister renewed the CEO's contract and gave her a massive bonus. In

fact, \$15 million in bonuses were handed out to the executive team during the last reported fiscal year.

Meanwhile, at Christmas time, the CEO threatened to cut 800 jobs, while protecting the elite at the top.

As the Shadow Minister for Heritage, it's my job to hold the government to account on this and that's what I'm working hard to do. The CBC isn't worth the cost.

PROTECTING OUR FRONTLINE HEROES

Shuvaloy Majumdar, MP

Calgary Heritage



Our frontline heroes bravely report to work each day, risking their lives to save ours, but now they need our help.

Disturbingly, the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians reports alarming levels of violence: Almost half of hospital nurses endure assault or sexual harassment. 75% of paramedics experience workplace violence, suffering from psychological wounds like anxiety and PTSD. Over the last decade, violence-related lost-time claims for healthcare

workers surged nearly 66%, valued at almost a billion dollars.

I was proud to co-sponsor MP Todd Doherty's Private Member's Bill C-321, which recently passed in the House of Commons.

This legislation amends the Criminal Code to make assault against front-line workers an aggravating circumstance upon sentencing, thereby safeguarding those who protect us.

DEATH IS NOT THE SOLUTION

Len Webber, MP

Calgary Confederation



Like my Conservative colleagues, I do not believe Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) should be accessible to those whose sole condition is mental illness.

Canadians should have access to the support and care they need while living through one of the toughest times in their lives. We need to do better and we can do better, but we certainly have a long way to go.

I will continue to oppose expanding MAiD solely for mental health issues.

I will also continue to support better use of advance requests for MAiD.

We need to put vulnerable Canadians back in control of their lives. We want to see them get the help they need and provide them with the social and mental health supports they need. We must never give up on them and allow them to prematurely choose MAiD over access to proper mental health care.

DEMANDING ACTION ON AUTO THEFT

Dane Lloyd, MP

Sturgeon River—Parkland



Since the Liberals took office in 2015, auto theft has tripled in our largest cities. The situation is now so bad that experts are describing Canada as a car thief's "candy store".

At the Public Safety Committee, we have heard from police and auto makers who have pointed to the NDP-Liberal government's revolving-door justice system and a lack of investment in protecting our borders.

Auto theft is not a victimless crime. The profits from stolen vehicles are

funding violence in our communities – from gun smuggling to homicide. The Liberal soft-on-crime agenda is causing chaos in our streets. Now, Canadians are left paying the price with insurance premiums increasing by \$500 per year.

Common-sense Conservatives will bring back jail, not bail, for repeat violent car thieves to ensure we can feel safe in our own driveways.

FIGHTING RADICAL DRUG POLICIES

Chris Warkentin, MP

Grande Prairie—Mackenzie



Last year Justin Trudeau and B.C. Premier legalized hard drugs in B.C., unleashing chaos in public spaces and skyrocketing drug-related deaths across B.C. This radical NDP-Liberal experiment has failed.

By contrast, Alberta has prioritized treatment and recovery. Trudeau's extreme policy of legalizing open drug use and the distribution of government-funded hard drugs in B.C. is harming Albertans. These policies hinder police from stopping drug traffickers shipping drugs into Alberta.

We also know organized crime is diverting and selling taxpayer-funded drugs from B.C.'s "safe supply" programs to Albertans. Conservatives are demanding an end to the NDP-Liberal deadly experiment of legalization and distribution of taxpayer-funded hard drugs. We believe that taxpayer money should go to rehabilitation supports so our loved ones can come home drug-free.

PROTECTING YOU WITH NOAH'S LAW

Gerald Soroka, MP

Yellowhead



Following the devastating tragedy in Hinton, Alberta, where the lives of young Noah and his mother Mchale were taken by a repeat sex offender, I introduced Bill C-336, *Noah's Law*.

This critical legislation demands tougher management of sex offenders likely to reoffend.

It requires a 30-year period of reporting restrictions, and mandates the completion of a treatment program, before any relaxation of terms.

Additionally, it increases the obligations of sex offenders to update their residences at a registration center before relocating.

Noah's Law is my commitment to strengthening our community's safety and preventing such tragedies in the future. In memory of Noah and Mchale, I am dedicated to protecting all Canadians and ensuring such a loss never happens again.

NATURAL HEALTH PRODUCTS ACCESS

Blaine Calkins, MP

Red Deer—Lacombe



Conservatives have been working hard to ensure that Canadians can continue to have access to the natural health products they rely on daily.

I introduced Bill C-368 to repeal the changes snuck into Bill C-47 by the Liberal-NDP coalition.

The Liberal government changed the definition of Health Products and is now regulating them the same as drugs. This will drive business and products out of Canada, hamper

innovation, limit choice and increase costs for Canadians.

Bill C-368 will undo these disastrous changes and return certainty and predictability for consumers and the natural health products industry. Canadians are more than capable of making their own health decisions and C-368 will restore freedom and choice to Canadians!

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 am making it a priority to talk about the issues that affect rural Albertans and advocate for rural priorities to ensure we are not forgotten. I advocate for policies that will make life better, including axing the carbon tax, a levy that makes life unaffordable for Albertans at every step of the process.

ENDING EXTORTION

Tim Uppal, MP

Edmonton Mill Woods



After nine years of Liberal soft-on-crime policies, crime is wreaking havoc in our neighbourhoods and extortion has skyrocketed by 218%.

This alarming trend coincides with Justin Trudeau's repeal of mandatory minimum penalties for extortion offenses and his catch-and-release bail rules in Bill C-5 and Bill C-75.

This is why I introduced a common-sense Conservative Bill C-381, the *Protection Against Extortion Act*. This legislation will establish mandatory

minimum penalties for extortion offenses and put the extortionists where they belong: behind bars. Conservatives will not tolerate the exploitation of our citizens for financial gain and we will not allow organized crime rings to terrorize our communities.

Canadians deserve to feel safe in their communities. Our plan will bring back safe streets and keep our communities protected.

STANDING UP FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Stephanie Kusie, MP

Calgary Midnapore



Having been approached by the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association regarding extreme backlogs in the Exemplary Service Medal Program for fire services (through the office of the Governor General of Canada), I felt it important to act on behalf of these first responders.

As the Governor General's own website indicates, the process of issuing medals should take approximately four months. The AFCA was reporting delays of up to two years. I reached out to the

Governor General's office to request the problem be addressed.

Following this intervention, two Chancellery of Honours officers met with the AFCA to determine what was causing the delays, along with a plan to streamline and speed up the process.

Conservatives will always stand up for first responders.

REPEALING THE ESCALATOR TAXES

Pat Kelly, MP

Calgary Rocky Ridge



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

On April 1st, the NDP-Liberal government raised taxes on beer, wine, and spirits for the eighth year in a row, automatically, without a vote in Parliament. My Bill C-266 will restore Parliament's power to set the tax and let elected MPs have the final say on taxes instead of letting the government raise them automatically. 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 4.75% tax increase to only 2%. Conservatives will continue to stand up for producers, consumers, and Parliamentary accountability, until Bill C-266 is fully implemented.

Cheers!

SUPPORTING FAMILIES OF MURDER VICTIMS

Michael Cooper, MP

St. Albert—Edmonton



I am pleased to have worked alongside my former colleague, Senator Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu, to draft Bill S-281—*Brian's Bill*.

My constituents Mike and Dianne Ilesic lost their son Brian in the 2012 mass shooting at the U of A.

Murderers like Brian's killer are eligible to apply for parole year after year once they serve their minimum sentence. These annual parole hearings often retraumatize the families of murder victims.

Brian's Bill seeks to end annual parole hearings for murderers by barring them from applying for parole each year. It would require them to wait until their mandatory parole review which occurs every five years.

This small but significant change is the least we can do for the families of murder victims.

MAKING FOOD AFFORDABLE AGAIN

John Barlow, MP

Foothills



On April 1st the Prime Minister hiked the already suffocating carbon tax by 23%, a tax that will cost Canadian producers nearly \$1 billion by 2030.

Again, the Liberal government has shown its disregard and disdain for Alberta farmers and ranchers; however, Conservatives are working to make farming and food affordable with Bill C-234.

This common-sense Bill will provide relief from the carbon tax for hard-working farmers and ranchers and

Alberta Conservative MPs worked tirelessly to get the Bill passed.

However, the Bill was later gutted by Liberal-appointed Senators.

The Bill is back in the House of Commons where we are working to remove the amendments and pass C-234 in its original form.

We will prioritize Canadian agriculture to make life more affordable.

SAFEGUARDING OUR NATION

Tom Kmiec, MP

Calgary Shepard



Conservatives on the Canada-China Committee have been holding the Liberal government accountable for numerous scandals including one that has national and international security implications at the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg.

Two years ago, two scientists were fired from the Lab due to concerns over foreign government-led espionage linked to the People's Republic of China's military. The Liberal government kept this secret for three years, obstructed Parliamentary

committees, and even took the Speaker to court to avoid the release of this information.

Conservatives are now investigating this national security breach at the Canada-China committee. Canadians deserve to know what happened, what the scientists were doing and on behalf of whom, and finally, what the Liberal government knew and why it failed to act until years after the fact.

FIGHTING FOR EARLY SCREENING

Laila Goodridge, MP

Fort McMurray—Cold Lake



I lost my mom to breast cancer in 2010 when she was only 49 years old. Annually, over 5,500 Canadian women lose their lives to this cancer. Early screening drastically reduces mortality rates, yet the Liberal government's taskforce, establishing to update guidelines, neglects current evidence, relying on outdated data. Mammograms cut mortality by 40%, with a 44% reduction for women in their 40s. Experts know early screening works, but ages vary nationwide. My Motion to review these screening

guidelines at the Health Committee was unanimously supported. My advocacy honours my mother and close friends like Mandi, Kristen, Iris, Tara, and others. Without better screening in the updated guidelines, Canadian women face heightened risks of late-stage diagnoses and fatalities. I persist in demanding inclusion of earlier screening in forthcoming guidelines to safeguard more lives.

KEEPING ALBERTANS SAFE

Michelle Rempel-Garner, MP

Calgary Nose Hill



I am proud to fight for Albertans in Ottawa. A pressing issue is the start of wildfire season. Albertans care deeply about our environment and natural spaces, and expect the federal government to have a plan to mitigate natural disasters caused by drought and wildfires.

Albertans are worried about the impact of drought and wildfires and are concerned about the lack of action from the Prime Minister. I have started a petition compelling the government to respond to calls for

action from those who are concerned about the lack of planning for this year's wildfire season. The government has a responsibility to keep citizens safe, and it must show proactive leadership.

I will always stand up to keep Albertans safe. If you agree with the petition, sign at: www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-4949.

TIME FOR NEW LEADERSHIP

Ron Liepert, MP

Calgary Signal Hill



For the last nine years, our Alberta Conservative caucus has defended our energy and agriculture industries from the environmental zealots in the other political parties. Since the Liberals took office in 2015, Alberta and its industries have been under attack while continuing to over-contribute to the national GDP. However, since the election of Pierre Poilievre as leader, Canadians are becoming more aware of these facts and are recognizing the Liberal policies are hurting not only Alberta but all of Canada. It's

time for new leadership to fix the budget and monetary policy, slow the rate of crime, seriously protect the environment and increase the standard of living for younger generations by building more homes. While the other opposition parties prop up this tired government we will continue to call for new leadership and the election that the majority of Canadians so desperately want.

IT IS GENERATIONAL UNFAIRNESS

Greg McLean, MP
Calgary Centre



The Liberals' 2024 Budget was titled "Fairness for Every Generation".

Nothing could be further from the truth. The Liberal legacy to Millennials and Gen Z is massive debt with crippling annual interest payments.

The debt stands at \$1.255 trillion. Let's say future governments could find \$20 billion/year toward that debt. It would take 63 years to pay down the principal.

Meanwhile, we pay annual interest. This year: \$54.1 billion. That's more

than health care transfers. Interest is Canada's second biggest spending envelope (second only to seniors' benefits). Interest payments yield no services or benefits. Instead, we will send tax dollars to bankers and bondholders for decades.

It's an enduring, grim legacy for our kids, their kids and their grandkids. And it is outrageous intergenerational unfairness.

STANDING UP FOR TAXPAYERS

Garnett Genuis, MP
Sherwood Park—Fort Saskatchewan



The glitchy ArriveCan App has exposed deep rot in the NDP-Liberal Government's contracting system.

I have been part of the Albertan-dominated Government Operations Committee that has been working to get to the bottom of the scandalous process by which \$60 million dollars was spent on this app, funneled through a two-person company that did no actual work and that has since been raided by the RCMP. The ArriveCan App has rightly gotten a lot of attention, but it's only the tip of

the iceberg in an ocean of broken Liberal contracting.

So many important decisions are made through Parliamentary committees. I have taken the opportunity to learn as much as I can about Parliamentary procedure, and I substitute at various different committees from time to time in order to help push Conservative objectives and fight for the citizens and taxpayers of Canada.

FIGHTING FOR CANADA'S VETERANS

Blake Richards, MP

Banff—Airdrie

As Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs, I visit veterans' shelters, food banks, and service organizations across Canada to meet with those who are looking after Canada's heroes and stepping up where the government is failing them.

An important part of this role is to take their remarkable stories back to Ottawa, where I share the fine work they are doing in the House of Commons and in the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, and to get action on their concerns.

My *Veterans Insider* e-newsletter highlights the work being done for Veterans. You can sign up to help demand better for our veterans at www.blakerichards.ca.

Common-sense Conservatives will ensure veterans and their families get the respect they deserve for their service to Canada rather than more delays and denials.



STUDYING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Jasraj Singh Hallan, MP

Calgary Forest Lawn

Canadians have been suffering from a dramatic doubling of the cost of houses and rents.

In addition, interest rates and taxes are also up, putting a great deal of strain on many Canadians' household budgets. Naturally, the Trudeau government denies that this has ever been a problem.

In fact, even as the government throws billions of dollars into housing, Canada is building the fewest houses since the 1970s. In 2023, Canada

had only 240,000 housing starts and the CMHC is forecasting further drops.

In response, and as part of my role as Shadow Minister of Finance and as Deputy Chair of the Finance Committee, I have been working with other committee members to study this urgent issue. We are looking to discover the true depths and causes of this crisis and put forward a plan to fix it for Canadians.



WE ARE ALL HELPERS

Mike Lake, MP

Edmonton—Wetaskiwin

April is World Autism Month and marked 26 years since my son Jaden was diagnosed. Since then, I've embarked on an unanticipated lifetime of learning experiences.

Most importantly, I've learned that we tend to wrongly divide the world into people who give help and people who need help. In reality, as human beings, we are—at various times—helpers or helped, sometimes both at once.

Deciphering what Jaden needs or

wants is often incredibly hard. But the lessons I learn in the process—waiting on him, paying attention to his non-verbal communication, and assuming he has something to say—help me in every human interaction I have.

And right now, finding ways to better understand one another is something our world needs more than anything else.



THE ARRIVECAN BOONDOGGLE

Kelly McCauley, MP

Edmonton West

How do you turn an \$80,000 app into a \$60 million boondoggle? The Operations and Estimates Committee—which I Chair—has been investigating the ArriveCAN scandal for over a year and we still do not have full answers except the usual: Liberal incompetence. What we have learned is the government paid for subcontractors who did little-to-no work on the app, government employees received government consulting contracts from their own departments on the side, and the Liberals released

the ArriveCAN app without testing (remember ArriveCAN sending 10,000 into quarantine in error?). Bit by bit we have been exposing the Liberal/NDP coalition's incompetence and corruption behind the ArriveCAN boondoggle. My Conservative colleagues and I on the Operations and Estimates Committee continue to hold the Liberal/NDP coalition to account for the ArriveCAN scandal.



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