

Dear Jeremy,

I hope this message finds you well as we brace ourselves for negative temperatures and the shorter days of the winter season. I've spent much of October in Ottawa working hard to hold the Government to account. As Conservatives, we have been raising the issue of inflation and unaffordability every day in the House of Commons, as well as the Government's plan to triple the carbon tax. I rose in the House of Commons to ask a simple question about the effectiveness of the carbon tax, and I was amazed by the answer I received. You can click on the image below to see what the Liberals had to say:



A highlight for me this month was being able to speak for the first time to my Private Member's Bill C-294 – *An Act to amend the Copyright Act (interoperability)*. If you're interested in learning more about what this legislation would do, especially as it relates to Ag manufacturers, click the image below!



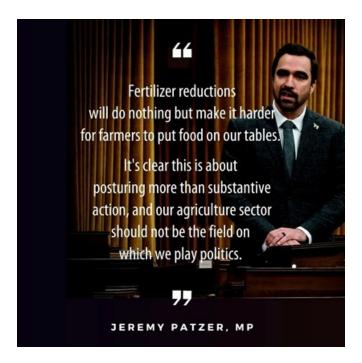


## **Back to Natural Resources!**

It's good to be back on the Natural Resources Committee after previously working there before the last election. I'm joining a strong group of Conservative MPs from across the Prairies who will stand up for the Canadian energy sector. We know the major benefits it brings to our local communities, national economy, and our way of life.

With the difficult situation in Europe this year, it's obvious that Canada's oil and gas supply could meet the world's energy needs while promoting human rights and environmental responsibility.

This will be a key focus as this particular industry comes under increasing attack from the federal government. Another important priority will be to promote greater opportunities for agriculture, mining, and forestry. It's time for our country to embrace its full potential as a world leader in developing our resources!



## **Dignified Death?**

Freedom of conscience is a fundamental right guaranteed by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* in section 2(a). It's disheartening that all other parties in the House fail to appreciate this and voted down my colleague Kelly Block's Bill C-230, the *Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act* earlier this month. I was happy to support her Bill, as it is an important piece of legislation that would have ensured the protection of conscience rights for all medical practitioners, especially as it relates to the participation with euthanasia.

Parliament first legalized euthanasia in 2016, has since then expanded its access to those whose death is not reasonably foreseeable, and is now set to expand access to those with mental illnesses on March 17th of next year. Let that sink in: In just a few months' time, Canadians struggling with mental health will have euthanasia available to them.

The **National Post reported** that Canada is facing a looming crisis, where a dramatic rise in demand is threatening to outstrip the supply of willing and available medical providers to perform MAID. While the increasing demand is concerning, it's noteworthy that a growing number of physicians are unwilling to participate in euthanasia, citing the expansion of access as something they are uncomfortable with. These same physicians, however, do not have their right to refuse participation protected in federal law and could be forced to comply or lose their job.

Currently, the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), made up of Members of Parliament from each party, is undergoing a statutory

review of MAID and continues to hear testimony from experts and vulnerable groups. I was shocked to learn of the **recommendation to the Committee by Dr. Louis Roy** of the Quebec College of Physicians, who stated that in the view of his organization, euthanasia for children younger than one is appropriate if the child has "grave and severe syndromes" or "severe malformations." While we can be thankful that this statement saw an outcry from most media outlets and **even one Liberal Minister**, who said she found it "completely shocking and unacceptable," we should be concerned with the speed at which euthanasia is becoming available to anyone and everyone.



Click on the image above to read the column by Ben Woodfinden.

## Remembrance:

On Remembrance Day, Canadians gather to honour and reflect on the men and women who have served to defend our freedom and our democracy. While we will never be able to repay them for their service, it is our duty to remember their sacrifice and to pass on this heritage of freedom to future generations. So on this Remembrance Day, I hope you'll join me in taking time to honour, reflect, and remember. Lest we forget.



In your service,



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