

Dear Jeremy,

Happy New Year! It is my hope that 2023 will be filled with joy and prosperity for you and your loved ones. 2022 was a year of victories for Conservatives across Canada. We saw the end of most Covid-19 measures, the scrapping of the disastrous ArriveCan app, and the election of a new Conservative leader who is uniting the country behind our movement. Yet, as we enter 2023, we cannot take our foot off the gas pedal. With Parliament resuming, I will continue to advocate for common-sense conservative policies, hold this government accountable for their many failures, and continue to faithfully represent the views of the people of Cypress Hills—Grasslands in the House of Commons.

In a minority government, any season could be election season. So as the cracks begin to appear in the Liberal-NDP coalition, my Conservative colleagues and I will continue to make preparations to be in a good place to win an election and form the next government. It is my hope that Canada will elect the Honourable Pierre Poilievre as our Prime Minister as soon as possible. Then we can say farewell to an era of irresponsible spending, incompetence, and corrupt deals with Liberal insiders.

## **Update on Bill C-21**

As we return to Ottawa, the fight against the largest gun ban in Canadian history will likely take centre stage. Unfortunately, even after seeing overwhelming evidence showing that this gun ban will not stop crime but instead penalize legal gun owners, the Liberals have refused to back down. Conservatives will not tolerate this attack on responsible hunters and sports shooters and will use every resource we have to slow down and hopefully defeat this bill. Right now, Bill C-21 is under investigation by the Public Safety Committee, and our Conservative members are doing an excellent job slowing this bill down and exposing some of the repercussions this ban would have.

Now that the Liberals have admitted that Bill C-21 will ban rifles used primarily for hunting, it is clear that this bill is nothing more than a thinly veiled attack on our rural way of life. Owning firearms is a part of Canadian heritage, and guns are tools farmers and hunters use as part of their job. If you'd like to help us stop Justin Trudeau's attack on rural Canadians, you can sign my colleague's petition here:

Petition e-4221 - Petitions (ourcommons.ca)



## **Town Halls**

Thank you to all those who came out for our town halls in Lucky Lake, Ponteix, Killdeer, Consul, and Eston. It was great to see many of you come out and engage on the issues you are most concerned about. A recurring theme at these meetings was opposition to Bill C-21 and concern about the erosion of our freedoms under this Liberal government. As we enter this new session of Parliament, I will continue to represent you and hold the government accountable for failing Canadians and the people of the southwest.

Since returning to the House of Commons, the government's child care bill has reached second reading. While this act would lower the cost of childcare for those already in the system, it does nothing to address the lack of capacity within the childcare system. It also fails to support those who opt to stay home with their children instead of sending them to daycare. Let me know what you think of Bill C-35 by replying to this email.

## **Border Closure**

Another issue impacting many people in Cypress Hills—Grasslands is the reduced hours for border crossings and complete closure on the weekends, a result of the governments lack of recognition for the level of service we had prior to the pandemic. While the federal government has decided to resume regular operating hours for the significant crossings, such as Windsor and Douglas, it has once again neglected the needs of rural Canadians. These closures mean that a family wanting to take a weekend trip to the United States must drive hours out of their way to access a crossing. I recently gave a speech bringing this issue to the attention of the House of Commons and called on the government to fix the problem, which you can see below:



Thank you for your continued support. If you have any concerns, feedback or need assistance from me or my team, feel free to contact us by replying to this email.

In your service,



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