

Dear Jeremy,

I hope this message finds you well as we approach the end of seeding! May has been another busy month, with lots on the go in Ottawa. From Conservatives putting forward a motion to calling on the government to immediately reverse its deadly policies related to the opioid crisis, to the Liberals hunkering down on firearms owners, to David Johnston's report on election interference, to the feds erasing history—there's no shortage of things to discuss in this month's Enewsletter.

"Safer Supply" of Opioids:

This month, Conservatives put forward a motion which called on the government to immediately reverse its deadly safe supply policies and redirect all funds from taxpayer-funded, hard drug programs to addiction treatment and recovery programs. This came after **an investigative study** found the Government's "safe supply" program to be a failure. Unfortunately, NDP and Bloc decided to support the Liberals in opposing our motion.

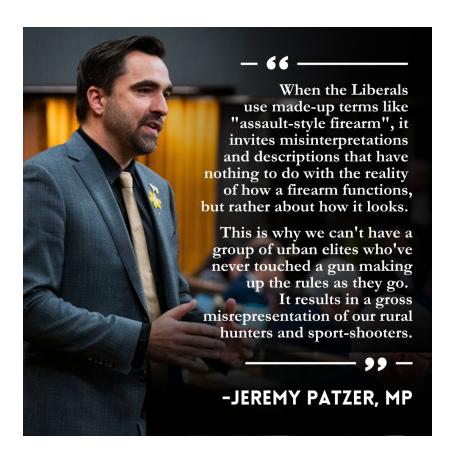
Since 2017, the federal government has spent over \$800 million on its failed Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy, including over \$100 million in funding for hard-drug supply projects across Canada, and plans to spend an additional \$74 million to "scale up" these projects over the next five years. However, since tax-funded drug supply was ramped up in 2020, opioid deaths have only gone up, according to the Public Health Agency of Canada. In 2020, slightly less than 7,000 people died of opioid overdoses, while only 3,000 died of overdoses in 2016, according to the Library of Parliament.

It's clear that the Liberals' policies are not working, and pumping taxpayers' money in to fund these drugs is not solving the problem. That is why Conservatives are calling for the government to immediately reverse its deadly policies and redirect all funds from taxpayer-funded, hard drug programs to

addiction treatment and recovery programs.

But above and beyond that, I believe we also need to look at an upstream approach to this issue. Modern medicine always encourages us to look at the root of the problem. While we work to combat the issue of addiction, we must also look at the root cause, and keep our loved ones from turning to these hard drugs in the first place. Every life lost to an overdose is one too many. These people are loved, and we owe it to them to offer them hope in the midst of despair, and bring them home drug-free.

Bill C-21:



Bill C-21 continues to be top of mind for many of you, and I wanted to share a quick update to let you know that the Bill is now before the Senate. Conservatives are continuing to advocate for legal firearms owners, and we're hoping the Senate will do the right thing by making necessary amendments, or kill the Bill completely.



Click on the image above to watch the Minister grapple with a simple question.

Foreign Interference:

On May 1st, news broke by the **Globe and Mail** that CSIS documents from 2021 revealed how China sees Canada as a prime target for interference. They also revealed that Conservative MP Michael Chong's family was targeted by Chinese Diplomat Zhao Wei. These claims have since been validated by CSIS in a meeting with Mr. Chong. The diplomat faced no repercussions until after the interference was made public, and Mr. Chong was not made aware of this until Globe and Mail broke the story two years later. This is yet more evidence that the communist regime in Beijing is actively attempting to meddle in our democracy, that the Trudeau government knew about it, and that they chose to do nothing.

To add insult to injury, Trudeau's hand-picked rapporteur on foreign interference, David Johnston, made the decision on May 23 to deny a public inquiry into this election interference. This comes as no surprise from Trudeau's family friend, ski buddy, cottage neighbour, and member of the Beijing funded Trudeau Foundation. This is a classic Liberal cover-up, and Conservatives will continue to push for an open, independent public inquiry. We will fight tooth and nail to expose their corruption, as Canada's democracy is at stake and must be defended.

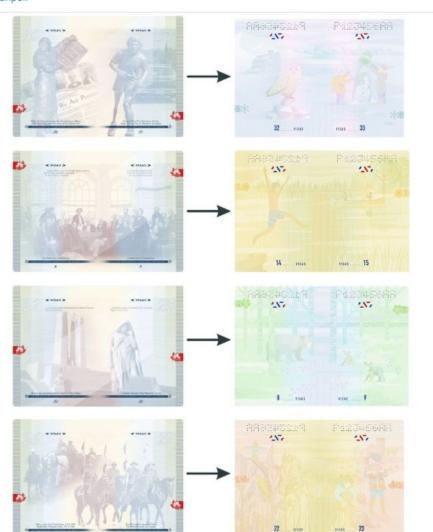
Attacking our Heritage:

Many of you may have heard by now that following the coronation of King Charles III, the Government of Canada announced it would be **removing religious symbols** from Canada's royal coat of arms. Crosses and fleur-de-lis have been replaced with snowflakes and stars. Not only does this fly in the face of the Monarch's role to defend the faith, it is a subversive part of the government's bent towards cultural nihilism. Their desire to strip Canadians of our history and heritage is clear. Look no further than their latest passport redesign, where historically significant images were replaced with otherwise meaningless images. Conservatives are calling out this attack on our Canadian heritage, and we will always acknowledge our imperfect, but incredibly rich history.



national identity from passports, replacing Vimy Ridge & Terry Fox, with a man raking leaves & a squirrel with a nut, shows disrespect for our history & those who sacrificed to build it.

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Natural Resources Committee:

In Canada, it's a major struggle to build almost any kind of resource projects – including oil, LNG, and mining. Right now, excessive regulatory delays are halting responsible development and driving away investment. At this point, anyone could tell you that we need to fix this problem – except for the Liberal Minister of Natural Resources!

As far as he's concerned, it's a mark of success for one project to clear the approval process in three years. Never mind actually getting it built. That's what he told my colleague MP Shannon Stubbs at our committee:



The NDP-Liberals' Anti-Energy Policies Are Holding Canada Back Click on the image above to view the exchange on YouTube

But it doesn't have to be this way. Our future prosperity depends on doing better. I will keep on fighting for Canadian oil and gas, and the rest of our industries, alongside our Conservative team.

In your service,



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