

Dear Jeremy,

I imagine many of you are busy these days at the height of summer, but I wanted to quickly touch base and share an update as to what's been going on this month as it relates to my role as your federal representative. These past weeks I've been travelling around the riding connecting with constituents as well as various stakeholder groups. Top of mind for the Southwest is the unrelenting drought and grasshoppers. We've heard from many farmers and RMs who've had to declare disaster.

I took a tour with various councilors through the RMs of Enterprise, Mankota, Val Marie, Waverley, Gull Lake, and Piapot to see what the sustained drought has done to the native prairie pastures and crops. The conditions are devastating and will take multiple years of steady rain to restore. I joined the SCA town hall in Kindersley last week where producers, RMs and elected officials came together to discuss the path forward. As I shared there, my staff and I will continue to be available to you so we can work through this.



Grasshopper-affected field in Enterprise

With last week's cabinet shuffle, new Ag Minister Lawrence

MacAulay is going to have to make a decision as to whether he'll continue to go along with his government's devastating environmental policies that are stifling producers ability to manage their herds and pastures. Together with my Conservative colleagues, I will continue to side with producers and demand that the carbon tax be dropped entirely and champion an industry that is world leading despite the difficult conditions.



Drought-affected field in Piapot



Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association drought Town Hall in Kindersley

## **Liberal Cabinet Shuffle:**

There have been countless failures and scandals under this Liberal government, and the past few months have added many more to the list. It has become more obvious over time that they don't care to fix what they have broken or to focus on people's priorities and necessities. As a result, they have lost support and a desire for change in the next election is growing across the country.

So now, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is trying to convince Canadians that he will reverse the economic damage he caused over the last eight years. The

Liberals did a massive Cabinet shuffle because they are desperate to seem like they have suddenly changed – as if their own decisions haven't increased the cost of living and crime rates. But their leader remains the same, and his continued irresponsibility and incompetence won't fool anyone.

Looking at the new assignments, I see no difference with how the federal government will deal with us in the Southwest and the Prairies. In particular, the Minister of Natural Resources and the radical Environment Minister have stayed the same. We can expect the same attacks on our energy sector and our farmers to continue coming from them.

But despite all this, I will keep fighting alongside my Conservative colleagues for the success of Western Canada.

## **NHP Regulations:**

This month, I received many emails concerning the Liberal Government's new regulations for natural health products. These regulations will seriously impact the industry, raising the price of some NHPs significantly and making others unavailable in Canada. While governments must balance protecting consumer safety and allowing economic activity to proceed, the Liberal tendency to overregulate has raised prices throughout our economy, from food to housing. Unfortunately, these new regulations on supplements were put in place thanks to Bill C-47, the Liberal's budget, which passed with the support of the NDP last month. Rest assured, I voted against it along with the rest of my Conservative colleagues. Now, the Liberals have opened a public consultation on the changes, so if you're concerned about having affordable vitamins and natural health products, there's still time to give your feedback. Click the link below to share your thoughts:

Consultation on proposed fees for natural health products - Canada.ca

## In and Around the Riding:



Eastend Dino Days Parade!



Climax Centennial Parade

With that, I'll let you get back to your summer business, and I hope to see you at one of the many community events in the Southwest over the next months!

As always, don't hesitate to reach out to my office if we can be of assistance to you.

In your service,



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