

Dear Jeremy,

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April has come and gone with the blink of an eye. Amidst all the business of getting ready for a new season, I hope you were able to enjoy Easter weekend with your family and friends.

In this month's update, I want to bring to your attention a few points regarding the Liberal-NDP Budget tabled on the 7th of April. You can hear my thoughts by clicking the image below:



Click on the image above to watch the video where I respond to Budget 2022 and explain its impact on you.

Equally concerning is Motion 11, which the Liberals tabled this past week out of nowhere. The motion includes a proposal to give the NDP-Liberal coalition new powers to extend sitting hours in the House, temporarily remove certain procedural tools from the opposition, and for Justin Trudeau to adjourn the House until September without notice or all-party agreement. This is nothing

more than a brazen attempt to limit the remaining opposition parties' ability to hold his government to account.

It's part of a pattern of behaviour of the Liberal Government running from accountability and transparency. After all, this is the same Prime Minister who used the power of prorogation to shut down Parliament to end the investigation into his dealings in the WE Scandal, who is preventing Parliament from reviewing documents related to the security breach at the Winnipeg Lab, who is withholding documents related to his invocation of the Emergencies Act, and who may be the subject of an RCMP criminal investigation into allegations of fraud.

I assure you that together with my Conservative colleagues, we will fulfil our constitutional obligation of holding this government to account. We will continue to be the voice of the millions of Canadians who are left behind while Justin Trudeau presides over the decline of democracy in Canada.

## **Introducing a Truck Tax?**

There are rising prices for everything these days. While you're commuting long distances for work or with your family, or if you're between fields for seeding, it only gets worse with the carbon tax that rose again at the beginning of this month. So you can imagine my surprise when I heard that the federal Environment Minister has begun to look into the idea of taxing pick-up trucks. This has not yet been implemented, but there are indicators that it could be soon, which is why I am pre-emptively raising awareness about it, in the hopes that the Liberal Government will back off, and stop attacking rural and remote communities. These decisions go to show that the Liberal Government is completely out of touch with the way life is in our part of the country. I assure you that I'm going to keep fighting for the Southwest in Ottawa—just as I did in this statement in the House of Commons:



Click on the image above to watch my statement in the House of Commons in defense of farmers.

## **Reduced Border Crossing Hours:**

I've heard from many of you with frustrations regarding the reduced hours of our border crossings. I share your frustration and assure you that I have written to the respective Ministers to encourage them to return border services to normal operating hours. I've also raised this issue in the House, which you can view here.

I'm also aware that for many of you, travel by plane and rail, let alone crossing the border is not an option based on the Trudeau Government's discriminatory policies. I have, and will continue to push against this until all mandates are dropped.

## Bill C-270, the Stopping Internet Sexual Exploitation (SISE) Act:

To close, I want to bring to your attention to an important Bill tabled by my colleague Arnold Viersen in the House of Commons this past week. Bill C-270 would implement Recommendation #2 of the **2021 Ethics Committee report** on MindGeek by requiring those making or distributing pornographic material for a commercial purpose to verify the age and consent of each person depicted. It

also allows individuals to revoke consent. While we have a long way to go when it comes to the scourge of pornography in our nation, this is a good first step towards protecting vulnerable children, women, and men from sexual exploitation.

In your service,



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