



A Message from Jeremy:



Questioning the Trudeau Government on Bill C-21, the Liberal's firearm legislation. Click the image above to view my question.

You may have noticed that I'm asking this question from my office in Ottawa, as opposed to rising in the House of Commons. The current hybrid sitting format only allows a handful of MPs to sit in the House of Commons, which I believe is a disgrace to our institution and to our democracy. I will continue to push for my right and responsibility to represent you physically in the House of Commons chamber, as there is no reason more of us cannot be present in a safe and effective manner.



My colleague, Senator Denise Batters makes a compelling case against allowing access to MAiD for those suffering exclusively from mental illnesses. To watch her speech, click the image above.

Dear constituent,

Happy weekend everyone! I hope this February update finds you well. It's been a whirlwind of a month in Parliament.

February started with my open letter response to Prime Minister Trudeau's recent travel and quarantine restrictions, which you can view [here](#). My letter went viral almost instantly, and I was overwhelmed by the positive response I've heard from many of you in the Southwest, but also from individuals across Canada. I assure you that I will continue to stand in defense of our basic rights and freedoms.

The Government had barely left off attacking our freedom to enter our own homes, when they decided to attack law-abiding citizens' right to own firearms. If passed, Bill C-21 would ban most airsoft, BB and pellet guns while doing nothing to target illegal gun crime. Taking firearms away from law-abiding citizens does nothing to stop dangerous criminals and gangs who obtain their guns illegally. Instead of targeting law-abiding Canadians and firearm retailers, the government should be investing in police anti-gang and gun units and the CBSA to provide law enforcement with the resources they need to stop illegal smuggling operations and get dangerous criminals and gangs off our streets. I have, and will always, support common-sense firearms policies that keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals. You can view my question on this [here](#). To sign my colleague's petition on this issue, click [here](#).

And now, we're ending February debating whether patients suffering from mental illness exclusively should be granted access to MAiD. Bill C-7 came back from the Senate on Tuesday much worse than when it left the House of Commons, as the Senate added an amendment that would open up euthanasia for people who are suffering exclusively from mental illnesses. We were initially given just one day to debate this life and death amendment that will have a significant effect on suicide prevention initiatives and normalizing death as a solution to mental illness. I assure you that I will continue to fight for the necessary safeguards to protect those most vulnerable from harm.

Other issues on the docket this month included continuing to probe into the government's slow vaccine rollout, pipelines, the Uyghur Genocide, and human trafficking awareness, the latter two of which you can learn more about below.

Uyghur Genocide:

Though we're in the midst of a pandemic at home, and with all the unease it entails, we cannot lose sight of the horrendous atrocities taking place abroad. Currently, the Chinese Government is executing a genocide against the Uyghur Muslims and we have a moral responsibility to stand up to them.

That is why this past Monday, my Conservative colleagues and I passed a motion to call on the government to recognize the genocide of the Uyghur people at the hands of the Chinese Communist Party. This motion is an important step in the process of fighting for human rights around the world, as it is high time that Canada stand up to these gross human rights abuses.



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While members of all parties voted in favour of this motion, I was extremely disappointed to see the Prime Minister and his cabinet abstain from the vote. If we refuse to stand against evil, we can never be the people we ought to be. In the words of abolitionist William Wilberforce, **“You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know.”**

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day:



I took part of the Eradicate Challenge on Feb 22nd, raising awareness about human trafficking on social media.

Last week we had a victory in the House of Commons, where every party voted in favour of a Conservative motion that was brought forward, which would recognize February 22nd as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. This motion was timely and important, as over the last 5 years, cases of human trafficking have nearly doubled in Canada.

It's also well established that human trafficking is largely intertwined with sexual exploitation and pornography. Right here in Canada, MindGeek, which owns Pornhub and other pornographic sites, is under investigation for the exploitation of minors. The Ethics Committee is currently studying this issue, and several witnesses have already come forward and courageously shared their stories of being exploited online. You can view their testimony [here](#).

Every human deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and it's long past time we eradicate the scourge of trafficking and exploitation in our nation. If you, or someone you know may be a victim of trafficking, call Canada's national human trafficking hotline at 1-833-900-1010.

Sex-Selective Abortion Petition:



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Sex-selective abortion is a process whereby a pregnancy is ended simply because the sex of the baby is not the preferred sex of the parent(s). Most often, sex-selective abortion ends pregnancies because the baby is a girl. In a country that claims to support human rights and the equality of the sexes, I believe it is completely unacceptable that we continue to allow this practice to remain legal. The vast majority of Canadians agree that no one should be allowed to obtain an abortion on the sole basis of the child's sex, yet there are currently no laws on this issue.

If you agree with me that this is completely unacceptable, please click [here](#) to add your signature to my colleague MP Cathay Wagantall's petition.

Regina International Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Petition:



The air traffic control tower at the Regina International Airport. PHOTO BY MICHAEL BELL. PHOTOGRAPHY /Regina Leader-Post

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NAV Canada is currently reviewing the use of the air traffic control tower in Regina and considering shutting down its use. You can read more on this [here](#). This could bring large disruptions to the Regina International Airport's services and risk the safety of flights in the area. The Regina Airport is extremely beneficial to the economy of Saskatchewan and any reduced capacity will have severe consequences for our province and our economy. This petition calls on the Minister of Transportation to instruct NAV Canada to cancel this review and to explicitly oppose any moves reduce or shut down service at the air traffic control tower.

If you agree that any service disruptions will unfairly hurt Saskatchewan, please click [here](#) to add your signature to my colleague MP Warren Steinley's petition.

In your service,



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