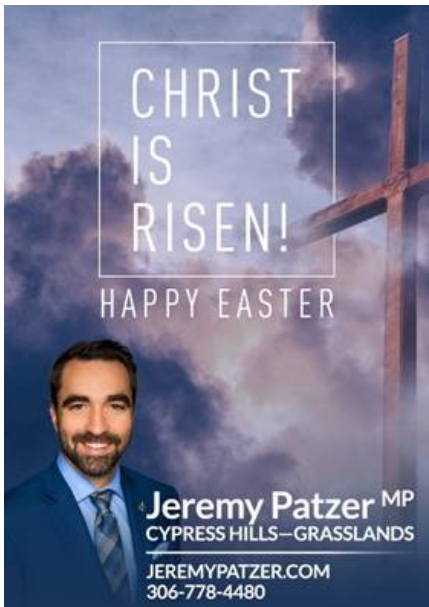




A Message from Jeremy:



Click on the image above and see what I'm hoping to see in Budget 2021.



Dear constituent,

Happy Spring! Winter is officially over, and if you're like me, I'm sure you're looking forward to warmer, and brighter days ahead!

On that note, Conservatives tabled a motion in the House of Commons last week calling for a plan to safely and permanently end the COVID-19 lockdowns. COVID-19 restrictions have had serious economic and mental health impacts on Canadians, and while both the US and the UK have released public plans for economic reopening, Canadian officials have not yet given Canadians any clarity on when regular economic and social life will be able to resume. The Liberals chose to vote down our motion.

I understand that many of the restrictions fall under provincial jurisdiction, but the specific decisions of whether or not to lockdown and what health restrictions to implement are not made in a vacuum and are heavily influenced by the federal government's procurement of vaccines and their financial support systems. Many businesses in the Southwest have reached out to me and said they're having to compete with the feds' programs and are dealing with staffing shortages as a result.

The federal government has access to public health tools such as rapid tests, shared data on how COVID-19 spreads, and yet, we are still waiting for information on what metrics will be used to determine a plan for reopening. **It is unacceptable to continue to ask Canadians to sacrifice more without providing clarity on how and when we can expect to see restrictions safely eased.** We need direction from the Trudeau Government as to when we'll return to normal.

We have heard that the government is finally planning on tabling a budget on April 19th—their first in over two years. My Conservative colleagues and I are pushing for an economic recovery that benefits all of Canada, including more jobs and growth in every sector and in every part of the country, including right here in Southwest Saskatchewan. I'm personally preoccupied with pushing for a budget where local manufacturing is bolstered. I'd also be interested in hearing what you're hoping to see in Budget 2021. Feel free to let me know by replying to this email.

This coming weekend we'll be celebrating Easter and I hope that you will get to spend some meaningful time with your loved ones. My family and I will be reflecting on the promise of renewal that Easter brings and that Christ is risen!

Bill C-7:

Sadly, the Senate amendments to Bill C-7 passed in the House of Commons with a vote of 180 in favour to 149 opposed. I was grateful to have had the opportunity to speak against this Bill prior to the vote. If you're interested, you can view my speech [here](#). Last week, the Bill received royal assent. This means there will now be a two-year review, after which individuals with mental illness will be able to request and receive assisted dying, effectively



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undermining suicide prevention initiatives and normalizing death as a solution to suffering. I am grateful for all my Conservative, NDP, and Green colleagues who recognized this and opposed the Senate amendments.

Hundreds of you reached out to my office to make your views known, and I appreciated your thoughtful engagement on this issue. Regardless of your view on this, now more than ever, we must do all we can to ensure no one is coerced into receiving MAID or made to feel their life is not worth living. We each must do what we can to affirm that every life has value, worth, and purpose.

Vaccine Passports:



No policy on vaccine passports has been implemented in Canada yet, but the [Government is currently considering different options.](#)

Many of you have reached out this past month, asking my view on vaccine passports. While I oppose the use of vaccine passports in principle, and would not support their use in Canada, I also know that it could be a helpful way of safely restarting international travel. **I would be interested in hearing what your thoughts on this issue are, so feel free to let me know by replying to this email.**

The concept of a vaccine passport would allow travellers to enter a foreign country without potentially having to quarantine or as a condition of entry. There is nothing we could do if other countries require proof of vaccination for Canadians to travel to their countries, as is already done with the yellow fever in Africa. We can only control for what Canada expects of incoming travellers.

My Conservative colleagues and I will be carefully monitoring and reviewing any proposal put forward by the federal government related to vaccine passports and will continue to advocate for the protection of Canadians' fundamental rights.

Urban-Rural Divide:



Click on the image above to view my statement on rural-urban divide.

One of the biggest divides I've noticed even more while serving as your voice in Parliament is between urban and rural Canada. A significant part of my job is serving as liaison between you, my constituents, and government officials, but I'm often shocked at how little the Ottawa bubble understands or even seeks to understand rural Canadians, and their unique needs.

Rural Canadians are part of "Team Canada", but too often they are picked last and get sidelined. Rural Canada, with its people and its communities, shouldn't be punished for their way of life—even if the government doesn't understand it. These great Canadians, as much as any other, deserve a lot better from their government.

Click on the image to the left to view my statement on this in the House of Commons, and listen as I go into some more specifics to this divide.

Bill C-21 Petition:



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Many of you have written to me regarding Bill C-21, which is driving a false narrative against law-abiding firearms owners but does nothing to target criminals, gun smuggling, or gang violence. The majority of gun crime in Canada is committed with an illegally obtained firearm, and rather than working on legislation that would target illegally obtained firearms, the Ottawa Liberals are more concerned with banning airsoft guns.

I encourage you to add your name to this petition calling on the Liberals to scrap Bill C-21 and the May 1, 2020 Order in Council. You can sign the petition [here](#).

The Liberal government needs a data-driven plan on lifting restrictions:

"A year into the pandemic, we have tools like rapid tests, therapeutics, vaccines and data on how COVID-19 is transmitted. Lockdown measures were put in place to buy time to get these tools. Now that these are available worldwide, the federal government needs to tell Canadians how they're going to be deployed, under what timelines, and, most importantly, how they're going to be used to lift widespread restrictions permanently.



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In short, the federal government needs to get Canada across the goal line for the sake of every Canadian's mental health. Families who are separated across borders need to know when they can reunite, and shops on main street deserve to know how and when they can welcome their regular customers back for good . . ." -Michelle Rempel Garner

To read more of this article in the *Toronto Sun* by my colleague, MP Michelle Rempel Garner, click [here](#).

In your service,



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