



A Message from Jeremy:



The Universal Broadband Fund is now open. Click on the image above to learn more.

Dear constituent,

With COVID-19 still forcing many Canadians to work or study from home, it is more necessary than ever to increase access to high-speed broadband for rural and remote communities. I have heard from many of you since the beginning of the pandemic asking how we can improve internet and cellphone data services near you.

After several months of delays, the government has finally opened applications to the Universal Broadband Fund. I have been working very hard with my colleagues to put pressure on the government to take action on this issue and am pleased to see the program finally come to fruition, despite the long delays.

This program will provide nearly \$1.8 billion for infrastructure projects to increase high-speed (50/10 Mbps) broadband access. I believe that this program will be a huge step towards bringing rural communities “up-to-speed” (forgive the pun) with the rest of the country. I have already sent information about this program to community leaders across Cypress Hills—Grasslands so they can begin applications.

If you would like to learn more about the program, please visit www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/139.nsf/eng/h_00006.html. If you know a community leader who would like to apply to this fund, please feel free to forward this email onto them!

China and Huawei Opposition Motion:



My colleague MP Michael Chong introduced a motion in the House of Commons calling on the government to finally make a decision within the next 30 days as to whether or not it will ban Huawei from developing Canada’s 5G telecommunications infrastructure and to come up with a plan to deal with China’s aggression and intimidation.

My colleagues and I have been calling on the government to ban Huawei for several months. They have proven to be a threat to our national security and many of our most important allies (including other members of the Five Eyes alliance) have already either banned Huawei or limited the role that they can play in their 5G infrastructure.

I spoke about this in the House of Commons, which you can watch at fb.watch/1_xfBVkYpfi.

Getting Back to Work in Committee:



This month I had several opportunities to hear from witnesses on the Natural Resources Committee. In particular, I heard from witnesses about how foreign actors are spreading misinformation about Canadian natural resource industries to drive business to their own sectors instead. Later, I questioned the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance about the government’s plan to get our resource sector back to work and about making sure government benefits are not given to those trying to undermine our industries.

To see recent clips from the Natural Resources Committee, click the image above.

My website is constantly being updated with new photos and videos from the House of Commons as well as from the Natural Resources Committee. To stay up-to-date on my work, please visit jeremypatzer.com/photos-and-videos.

Clare's Law Petition:



To watch me presenting the petition in the House of Commons, click the image above.

On November 17th, I had the privilege of presenting a petition in the House of Commons to amend the Privacy Act to allow the RCMP to enforce Clare's Law in Saskatchewan. This law is a crucial step towards protecting women from domestic abuse, however, unless the Minister of Justice and the government change Canadian privacy laws, the RCMP cannot enforce this law.

I am working on arranging meetings with the Minister of Justice and other government officials in hope's of getting the needed changes passed in Parliament. I am extremely thankful to all of you who took the time to sign the petition and share it with your friends and family.

If you would like to see the contents of the petition, please visit petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2767. If you would like to watch the video of me presenting this petition in the House of Commons, please visit fb.watch/1_usXHpsgr/.

Protecting Vulnerable Canadians:

Politics

Disability advocates say assisted dying bill fails to protect vulnerable Canadians



Man suffering from neurological disorder says MAID easier to access than supports for disabled Canadians

Kathleen Harris - CBC News - Posted: Nov 10, 2020 2:43 PM ET | Last Updated: November 10



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“Advocates for Canadians with disabilities are sounding the alarm over a bill to expand medical assistance in dying, warning that it will devalue the lives of vulnerable people.

Speaking to MPs on the justice committee via Zoom from his hospital bed in London, Ont., Roger Foley pleaded with policymakers to focus on providing more assistance and home care to Canadians with disabilities. He said he has been denied proper care and was ‘coerced’ into choosing MAID because his acute care needs were too much for hospital staff to handle.

Foley, who suffers from an incurable neurological disorder, said he was told he would have to pay \$1,800 per day in hospital costs or face a forced discharge, even though he couldn't get the necessary supports to live at home.

‘Assisted dying is easier to access than safe and appropriate disability supports to live,’ he said.” ([CBC News](https://www.cbcnews.ca/health/assisted-dying/story/2020/11/10/assisted-dying-easier-to-access-than-disability-supports-to-live.html))

The government is rushing legislation that will strip the safeguards that were previously put in place to protect vulnerable Canadians from abuses of medically assisted suicide. Roger Foley is just one example of how our system has failed disabled and elderly Canadians.

Canadians need access to compassionate care, not easier access to death. That is why I oppose Bill C-7.

I had the opportunity to speak out about Roger's case in the House of Commons, which you can see at fb.watch/1_waOhXdml/.

In your service,



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