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HELLO ALL (The Group of 9,130+ and growing):

A LETTER TO MY FAMILY

Dear Family,

In **May of 2015**, after the **NDP** were elected in Alberta, I circulated a message to each of you in which I predicted that **NDP policies and actions would adversely impact our standard of living and our lives**. My predictions came true as the **NDP grossly mismanaged the province** and in May of this year Albertans overwhelmingly **threw the NDP out of office**.

In **October of 2015**, after the **Liberals** formed the federal government in Ottawa, I **predicted that new and increased taxes** would not offset **massive deficits** leading to material increases in the national debt. Unfortunately, the Liberals have **blown away my predictions and the results are much worse than I expected**.

I fully realize that there are many **important social and non-financial issues** which must be addressed, including **healthcare, education, the environment, human rights and LGBTQ issues**. Only nations which maintain a strong financial position will have the resources and flexibility to deal with these non-financial issues in a sustainable way. The principle **"first things first"** requires that we **balance the budget, reduce debt and related interest costs and focus on the highest priority**, most critical issues for the benefit of Canadians.

PRIORITIES

The **Liberals have failed** to assess, understand and pursue fundamental issues that are demonstrably in the national interest, such as building critical infrastructure including pipelines. **They have not done "What's best for Canada?"**

Canada is a very large, cold country with **billions of trees** that act as a carbon sink. While we produce **just 1.6% of the world's greenhouse gases**, the Liberals are prepared to **cripple Canada's economy (particularly Western Canada's resource sector)** in the pursuit of their climate plan, which will only hurt Canada and will do nothing to materially improve the world's climate.

The Liberals passed **legislation aimed at sacrificing the fossil fuel industry** on the altar of anthropogenic climate change: **Bill C-48** (the "Alberta products ban" legislation), **Bill C-69** (the "no more pipelines" legislation) and the ever increasing and wholly ineffective carbon tax regime. While the **world's biggest emitters, China and India**, continue to build **hundreds of coal-fired power plants**, Canada's production and usage of fossil fuels is among the **most responsible in the world**. The core responsibility of the Federal Government is to facilitate the delivery of our natural resources to market and their **abject failure in that regard has** cost Canada thousands of jobs and billions of dollars.

FOREIGN AID

Canada has made and committed to **\$Billions in annual foreign aid** across a wide spectrum of causes. How can these huge foreign expenditures ever be justified if we have to **borrow to pay for them**, when we have **seniors** who cannot make ends meet, when our **indigenous peoples** lack safe drinking water and live in substandard housing and when **veterans** are denied reasonable health care and housing after their incredible sacrifices?

Canadian tax dollars must be used for the **benefit of Canadians, first and foremost**, before embarking on any naïve, misguided attempt to solve the world's many problems. While it is laudable for Canada to be perceived as punching above its weight, let us ensure that we do the heavy punching on worthy domestic issues first. **Continuing to incur major foreign aid expenditures while running huge deficits is improper, immoral and unconscionable!**

DEFICITS

In the 2015 election campaign, the Liberals **promised that the budget would be balanced in 2019**. Instead, we are facing a **\$20 BILLION deficit this year**

and they Liberals are planning similar annual deficits, with **no hope for a balanced budget until 2045!** No family can operate their own finances in such a manner - borrowing each year to make ends meet. Why is it okay for our government to do such a thing? That will mean **bankruptcy!**

NATIONAL DEBT

Canada's "market debt" (the debt on which the government pays interest) reached **\$ONE TRILLION** for the first time in 2018. This growing debt level is **very imprudent**, particularly in a world beset with trade wars and the immediate prospect of a diminished world economy that will need less Canadian goods. Canada must pay interest on that massive debt and is extremely vulnerable in the face of a slowing economy and rising interest rates.

And recognize this – in the future, it is you and your families that will be paying the interest on this debt and the debt itself through the taxes you will pay to Ottawa!

NOT COMPETITIVE

Canada is **no longer competitive** and \$Billions in foreign investment have **disappeared** over the past four years. The current government has failed to adopt policies which make it **attractive for foreign investors** to invest huge sums into **long term infrastructure projects** in Canada.

CONFEDERATION IS BROKEN

Alberta has been a major contributor to the Canadian economy and the energy business is one of the largest industries in the country. Since 1957, through "Equalization", **Alberta has contributed \$620 Billion more to the rest of Canada than it has received** and that total is **growing at a rate of \$20 Billion or more per year.**

Contrast these numbers with **Quebec**, which over the same period has **received \$476 Billion more than it has paid in** and will receive **\$13.1 Billion more this year!** This egregious and grossly unfair formula needs to be fixed.

OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES

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The **NDP and the Greens** openly endorse destructive socialist principles calling for ever **higher taxes and ever bigger government** and are focused on **shutting down the fossil fuel industry.** They do not understand that the **two primary drivers of the massive and continuous increase in our standard of living are the free market and fossil fuels.** They are prepared to **abandon both.** That would be a **disaster for Alberta, Saskatchewan and Canada as a whole.**

The **separation sentiment** in Alberta (and Saskatchewan) is far and away the **highest I have personally experienced in my lifetime** living and working in both provinces. Should the Liberals attain a majority, or **worse yet, a minority supported by the NDP or the Greens,** then there will be a quantum leap in this divisive polarization which could spell **the end of Canada as you know it.**

CALL TO ACTION

The Prime Minister has taken Canada down a **highly divisive path** where Canada is now **less respected internationally** and the various Canadian regions are now **in conflict.**

Today, **the only party that has committed to balancing the budget, building critical infrastructure, reducing foreign aid and establishing a realistic immigration plan is the Conservative Party of Canada.**

I am highly confident that **the Conservatives are the best choice for Canada.** Are they perfect? Not even close! But electing the Conservatives will be a **material first step in healing the nation and moving towards more effective governance.**

I am **very proud of each and every one of you** as you work hard, lead principled lives, contribute meaningfully to society, raise marvellous children and demonstrate the focus, discipline and fiscal prudence required to live within your means. I strongly believe that you are entitled to **high quality, effective and ethical governance** which helps you be the very best possible version of yourself.

It is time for you to demand - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH – and to vote accordingly!

**Love,
Dad (and Grandpa)**

ACTION ALBERTA - WHO WE ARE

We are a group of deeply concerned, unpaid Alberta resident volunteers. Our work is intended to educate, inform and motivate all Canadians to be visible and vocal regarding the unequal, unfair and discriminatory treatment of Alberta by our Federal Government. Alberta's energy sector is the most important driver of the Canadian economy and its health directly impacts the standard of living of every Canadian. Unfortunately, that is not happening under our current Federal government!

Please **share** this email with your contacts so we can turn this unfair, inequitable, unjustifiable travesty around for the good of all Canadians. If you would like to submit information or articles, please send them to me.

Thank you for ALL of your support and interest!

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