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Disappointed with Speech from the Throne**

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**Ottawa, ON**—Stephanie Kusie, Conservative Member of Parliament for Calgary Midnapore and Shadow Minister for Families, Children and Social Development released the following statement on the Speech from the Throne:

“Yesterday we were presented with the Speech from the Throne and I was deeply disappointed. It was more of the same: platitudes and lack of detail.

“The Liberal Government under Justin Trudeau has been saying for a long time that they want to support middle-class Canadians, but we have seen nothing but the opposite. For 80% of middle-class families, our Prime Minister has actually raised their taxes.

“The Liberal government claims that they want to make housing and home ownership more affordable, but in reality they have only made it worse. Through red tape, regulation and their mortgage stress test, the Liberals have created real barriers that are preventing Canadians from buying or building their home. If the government manages to come through with their promise of making housing more affordable, they are only providing a solution to a problem they created.

“We heard yesterday that the government plans to continue with their carbon tax. Punishing Canadians for actions that they must do, like driving their kids to school or turning up their thermostat on a cold winter day, does nothing to actually reduce emissions. If this government truly cares about the middle-class, they wouldn't be making life harder and more unaffordable for Canadians, while giving the biggest polluters a pass.

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“The arrival of a child should be joyful. While I was happy to see the Liberal government agree that our Conservative plan to make maternal and parental EI benefits tax-free was a good idea, the devil will be in the details. As the Shadow Minister for Families, Children and Social Development, I will continue to fight for hard-working, new parents.

“The reality is that life for our hard working, middle-class Canadian families has gotten harder and more expensive over the last four years under this Prime Minister, and it’s clear that we can continue to expect more of the same.”

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