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MP Stephanie Kusie releases findings from the Calgary Midnapore Economic Recovery Taskforce Report

Calgary, AB – This morning, MP Stephanie Kusie, the Shadow Minister for Families, Children, and Social Development, released a report stating the findings of the Calgary Midnapore Economic Recovery Taskforce, which she set in motion in May of this year.

“From the start of this pandemic, I felt it was very important that leaders not only work to deal with the immediate crisis, but also prepare for the future in order to have programs available to help businesses and employees as the economy reopens,” explained Kusie. “I wasn’t seeing any sign that the Liberal government was looking ahead, and I wanted to make sure I knew what Calgary Midnapore needs so I can advocate for them.”

The Taskforce, comprised of elected officials, local entrepreneurs, and community members engaged with the small business community in Calgary Midnapore, with the goal of identifying specific challenges they are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Feedback was obtained from both virtual consultations and two surveys.

Kusie discussed the resulting recommendations with her colleague, MP James Cumming, the Shadow Minister for Small Business and Export Promotion during a [FB Live](#) event today.

Key recommendations from the Report:

- Give businesses predictability - extend CEWS to the end of 2020;
- Adjust the revenue-decline component for vulnerable sectors and introduce a sliding scale;
- Request the Government immediately address the fundamental flaws of the CECRA program;
- Advance the CPC’s ‘Back-to-Work’ Bonus proposal;
- Continue to request the Government prepare for a gradual transition away from CERB;
- Introduce expanded sector-specific CEBA support; and
- Ensure a ‘CEBA unique circumstances’ portal is available.

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MP Cummings confirmed that the Report findings are consistent with what he is hearing from business owners across the country, and the recommendations could serve as helpful solutions to many Canadian entrepreneurs who feel their businesses are falling through the cracks.

Since the Liberal government has yet to provide Canadian business owners with an adequate forecast or any level of certainty about the future, Kusie feels it is very important that she and her colleagues in the Official Opposition continue to advocate for entrepreneurs.

“There is no question that small business is the backbone of our economy, and I believe that it will be those small businesses that get us out of this recession,” she stated. “We need to support them as they help our country move forward.”

The Calgary Midnapore Economic Recovery Taskforce is available for download at www.stephaniekusiemp.ca

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