



# NO CANADIAN LEFT BEHIND



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## Message from Your MP

Dear Constituents,

As this extremely challenging year comes to an end, I wanted to update you on some of the key issues which occurred since my last mailing this past summer.

After the election of the Honourable Erin O'Toole as the Leader of the Conservative Party, I was honoured to be asked to serve as the Official Opposition Shadow Minister for Transport. This is a critical time for these industries—especially the aviation sector—as we deal with continued restrictions and the subsequent drop in travel. I continue to meet with stakeholders to assess their needs, and bring this information to our Conservative Caucus.

I have been urging the Liberal government to provide a plan for these sectors—the plan they promised in the spring—but at the time of writing we are all still waiting, while the aviation industry continues to collapse.

As industry leaders stated during their October 1st press conference, "when an airport shuts down, it is extremely difficult to get it restarted. It's not like just turning on the lights again."

With each day that passes without concrete leadership from this

government, our transport infrastructure deteriorates further, risking not only our economy, but potentially the lives of Canadians.

Since the return of Parliament this fall, my Conservative colleagues and I have been working hard to hold the Liberal government to account. We know that Canadians are counting on us to help lead our nation out of the pandemic, rebuild Canada, and help workers get ahead.

As well, in the days and weeks following the Liberal Throne Speech, we have pushed for answers from a Liberal government determined to hide the truth about the numerous ethical problems they have had handing out COVID-19 contracts to their friends.

The Prime Minister continued to use every tool available to him to avoid answering these questions, and even threatened to force a federal election in response to our motion requesting a special Parliamentary Committee be created to investigate the misuse of public funds.

As the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Honourable Erin O'Toole stated: "While Canadians were worried about their future in the pandemic, the Liberals were worried about their friends. This committee is needed now more than ever for parliamentary accountability...We

must unite citizens. We have to stop having two lines, one for Liberal friends and one for the rest of us."

All this while the Prime Minister has failed to provide Canadians with an economic update of any kind. He continues to spend—outside of what was necessary according to the Business Council of Canada—even as the International Monetary Fund predicts that Canada's deficits this year will be the highest in the Group of 20.

These are serious concerns, and the Official Opposition will continue to push for answers on behalf of Canadians.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie

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## During the pandemic....

Work didn't stop during the shutdown for either Stephanie's parliamentary or constituency offices. While Stephanie's schedule looked a bit different, it was still full. During the shut down, as then Shadow Minister for Families, Children and Social Development, Stephanie worked with her caucus to suggest improvements and solutions to government benefit programs on behalf of Canadians during the COVID-19 lockdown.

She continued her advocacy for the energy industry numerous times in Question Period, asking the government about Keystone XL and anti-energy activists.

Some of the other initiatives

- she has undertaken over the past several months include:
- hosting several Facebook Live Q&A sessions to stay in touch with constituents during the pandemic;
  - a speech in the House of Commons on the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Tiananmen Square protests;
  - hosting "Facts & Firearms" Virtual Town Hall with Special Guest, MP Glen Motz;
  - holding a news conference alongside the families of the Brentwood Five victims to share the news of her Parliamentary motion regarding Provincial Review Boards' decisions around individuals found Not Criminally Responsible.

Appeared on the Roy Green Show and 770CHQR;

- developing and presenting the Calgary Midnapore Economic Taskforce Recovery Report (an assessment of the impacts of the pandemic on local businesses) on Facebook Live, along with MP James Cumming;
- appearing on The Blueprint podcast to discuss the potential imposition of a federal home equity tax;
- organizing a Community Meet & Greet event at Annie's Café in Fish Creek Park;
- joining Faisal Karmali on Real Talk Live with Faisal Karmali to talk about the challenges that small business owners are facing;
- pointing out why the CFL matters to so many Western Canadians;
- visiting YYC International Airport to advocate for rapid testing in airports, and to draw attention to Westjet's elimination of over 100 flights in and around Atlantic Canada;

- appearing on CBC's Power & Politics to discuss Trudeau's failed Infrastructure Bank;
- strongly supported the Alberta to Alaska (A2A) Rail Project;
- several interactions in the House of Commons regarding the Liberal government inaction on the crisis in the aviation industry;
- delivered TELUS' "Kits for Kids" backpacks full of school supplies to Our Lady of Peace School in Millrise;
- appeared on Alberta Primetime to discuss the challenges facing the airline sector;
- attended the "March to Save Canadian Aviation" on Parliament Hill; and
- will be hosting another virtual townhall before Christmas to hear from constituents.

*More detailed information is available on all these topics and more, on Stephanie's website and social media accounts. See the first page of this publication for contact details.*

## TOO MANY CANADIANS LEFT BEHIND IN LIBERAL THRONE SPEECH

Kids are back at school and businesses that survived the first wave of the pandemic are back in the swing of things as best they can be. Residents keep telling me they're worried about their health, their loved ones, their jobs, and how they are going to pay their bills through the winter. Too many Canadians are losing hope, and the Prime Minister is continuing to offer no real plan to deal with the pandemic.

Through his Speech from the Throne, the Prime Minister had an opportunity to lay out a plan to help. But he failed to do so and is leaving Canadians behind, once again. He failed to mention western alienation and national unity concerns. He failed to deliver a plan to help the millions of Canadians who

are struggling. He didn't commit to increase health transfers – the provinces' top ask. In fact, he's done nothing but waste six weeks so that he could hide from his ethical scandals.

People in this riding need a plan now. People like parents who must continually choose between staying home with their child who got sent home sick from school or picking up another shift to make ends meet. People like small business owners who had to close their doors. They need to know their government is fighting for them.

Canada can and will overcome adversity together and emerge from the COVID era stronger and more united than ever before.

## CONSERVATIVES

ARE OFFERING A

serious  
compassionate  
ethical

government-in-waiting  
that has Canadians' backs.



We are here to  
**FIGHT FOR  
CANADIANS.**  
That's what we were  
**ELECTED  
TO DO.**

# The 43rd Parliament, 2nd Session



## Hybrid sittings, lack of a federal budget, and a growing deficit

Although the Throne Speech was delivered only weeks ago (at time of writing), it has been a hectic start to this hybrid Parliamentary session. With MPs rotating into Parliament to allow for adherence to COVID-19 health guidelines, it has meant less regular travel between Ottawa and Calgary for Stephanie, but no reduction in Parliamentary commitments.

She has: spoken on legislation; questioned the

government in Question Period; delivered statements; participated in regional caucus meetings as well as regular caucus advisory committees (CAC) on various topics; chaired her own CAC on Transport; reviewed bills related to her portfolio and briefed the Conservative Caucus on same; led the Official Opposition team on the Transport Committee; accommodated numerous requests from stakeholders for meetings; participated

in a rally held by aviation workers on Parliament Hill... in addition to a busy constituency schedule (see page 2).

She and her Conservative colleagues remain extremely concerned at the level of debt the Liberal government has created for Canada, and are worried about the implications for Canadians at tax time next year. Especially as the Prime Minister considers further increasing the carbon tax. The NDP continue to prop up the Liberal minority government, even as Canada extends what is already the longest period between federal budgets in a sitting Parliament on record. And if the Prime Minister does not provide

Canadians with an accounting of the books before mid-December he will have surpassed the previous record for number of days between budgets (651)—set by the Liberal government under Chretien in 2001.

"It is blatant fiscal irresponsibility and its dangerous," said Stephanie. "The Liberals want Canadians to keep paying taxes, and Parliament to keep approving their continued spending, but they refuse to share details about the short and long term impacts of their policies. It is unacceptable and we'll keep pushing Justin Trudeau to start keeping his promises to be open and accountable."

A CANADA WHERE **NO CANADIAN IS LEFT BEHIND.** 



**AM I ON THE RIGHT TRACK IN HOLDING THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT TO ACCOUNT FOR THEIR COVID-19 RESPONSE AND ETHICAL SCANDALS?**

Yes

No

Maybe

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## SUPPORT CALGARY MIDNAPORE SMEs

Stephanie comes from a family business and is familiar with the challenges related to entrepreneurship. It's tough on a good day, let alone during a pandemic. Many hardworking business owners have been forced to make some incredibly difficult decisions over the past few months, and there does not appear to be any real end in sight. Stephanie encourages you to support small businesses whenever you can – they are the backbone of our economy and we need them as much as they need us. For this reason, Stephanie hosted a summer event at Annie's Café in Fish Creek Park (photo above), and had planned a fall meet and greet at Filo's Restaurant in Deer Run. The latter had to be postponed due to increased restrictions in Alberta, however Stephanie will continue to do what she can to support small businesses in Calgary Midnapore and would be thrilled to see you do the same. When you shop local in the riding, take a photo on social media and use the hashtag: #yycmidnapore so Stephanie can see your support in action!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER

After four years of the current Liberal government, Canada has become more divided, less prosperous, and less respected on the world stage. Since the beginning of the pandemic, thousands of small businesses across the country have had to make the difficult choice to close down or are now on the edge of bankruptcy.

Hard-working Canadians don't need hashtags or photo ops from the Prime Minister. They need a plan.

Our Conservative team is working hard to get our country back on track. We will restore hope. I know that some Canadians haven't always seen themselves in this Party. But we're going to change that.

Canada can and will overcome adversity together and emerge from the COVID era stronger and more united than ever before.

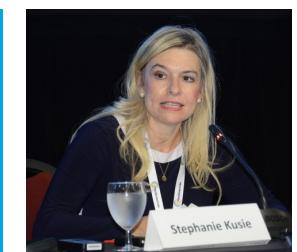


**Hon. Erin O'Toole**

Leader of Canada's  
Conservative Party and of  
the Official Opposition

## TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

**The sector needs a  
plan—to protect  
Canadians and our  
economy**



Elected Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Transport (TRAN), Stephanie tabled numerous motions at the founding meeting, and looks forward to working with her Parliamentary colleagues towards achieving some positive results for members of the hard-hit industry.

Having met with over 50 stakeholders in the weeks after being named Shadow Minister for Transport, and having heard how the pandemic has affected them, she is concerned that this sector has been largely ignored by the Liberal government, despite their promises.

As she pointed out in October: "To get our economy back up and running we need our airlines and airports to fly people and goods across our vast country as well as abroad. The longer this government takes to develop a coherent plan for the sector, the more money and jobs it will cost, and the slower our economic recovery will be."



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